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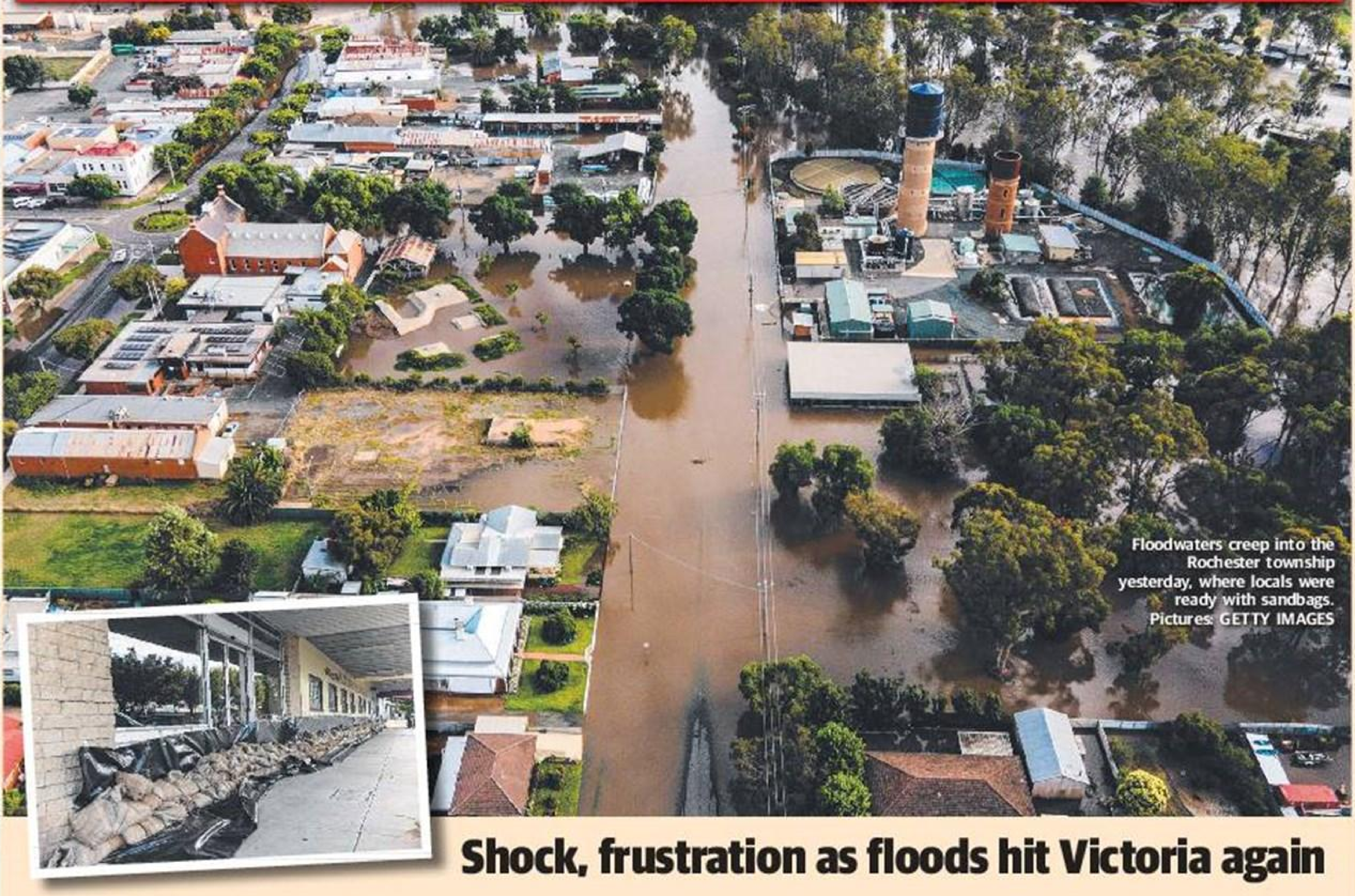

Floodwaters creep into the Rochester township yesterday, where locals were ready with sandbags. Pictures: GETTY IMAGES

Shock, frustration as floods hit Victoria again

FLOOD AND FURY

MADELEINE STUCHBERY and JAMES WAGSTAFF

Record-breaking rains have swept across Victoria, leaving flood-affected communities on high alert for the second time in 15 months.

Evacuation orders were issued for parts of Rochester, Seymour and Yea on Monday, with Shepparton and Murchison also preparing for flooding on Tuesday.

The SES has received more than 1540 calls for help so far, as the storms lashed central, northern and northeast Victoria, leading to 171mm of rain at Taggerty, 156mm at Mangalore and 141mm at Redesdale in the past week alone. The unprecedented rain has prompted a fiery barrage from Victorian Farmers Federation president Emma Germano over the lack of foresight ahead of yet another natural disaster in the state.

The Victorian government is yet to release its report into the October 2022 floods that swamped parts of the state.

"How is it possible for Victoria to be so underprepared for an event that literally happened just over 12 months ago?" Ms Germano asked.

"All the warning signs were there, apart from the Bureau of Meteorology, … we know the catchments are full, we know the ground is soaked and the worst part will be going into winter.

"What are we going to do? Just keep paying for clean-up, and paying for it not just financially with materials but paying for it with

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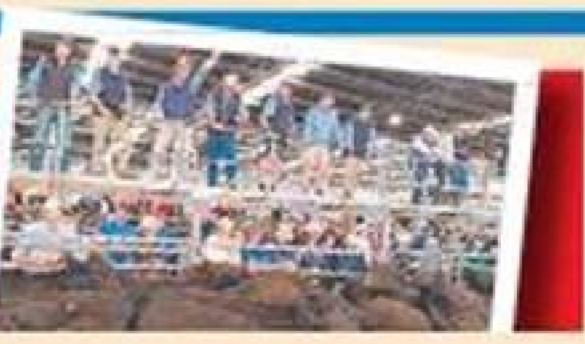

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VICTORIAN FLOODS

Flood and fury as rivers rise

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peoples' mental health?"

Rochester, much of which is still recovering after devastating floods in October 2022, was issued its evacuation order on Monday night. The town's flood recovery committee chairman Leigh Wilson on Tuesday morning said it appeared the floods might have come in under the expected height.

"There are a lot of smiling faces. It is a pretty good feeling that we dodged a pineapple, as we call it, but I think underneath there will be a bit of a deflation later in the day as people's emotions come back down," Mr Wilson said.

"A good number of people have evacuated the town as well, but apart from the caravan park by the river, which has water go over the floor of some of their buildings, I am not aware of any other business that has had any significant flooding.

"I am glad we went through the precautions we did because if it reached the level they were talking about we would see damage, absolutely."

Rochester Football-Netball Club official Bruce Watson, who had evacuated to a friend's place on the other side of the Campaspe River on Monday night, said the 2022 floods were still fresh in the minds of the township, with some people yet to move back into their homes.

"We only moved back in two weeks ago," he said.

"If it has inundated the places it will be a big setback."

In Seymour, Somerset Farm producer Chloe Fox said a sense of disaster fatigue was setting in, after her fruit and vegetable farm was hit by floodwaters for the second time since October 2022.

"It's a lot less catastrophic than last time, but all of our crops were covered to waist height," she said.

Residentss fill sandbags in Rochester in preparation for flooding. Picture: David Crosling

"We'll go through today to see if anything can be salvaged.

"We will lose most of our leafy greens and herbs. We might be able to salvage some of our fruiting crops."

Ms Fox said successive floods have taken their toll physically, emotionally, and financially.

"We're still going through getting grant money from the previous flood," she said.

And with this week's flood having hit Somerset Produce at the peak of the summer season, Ms Fox said most produce would be lost during the farm's productive season.

Ms Germano said Victoria could not afford more natural disasters, adding that it "was a joke" that the Victorian government was yet to release its flood inquiry report from the October 2022 disaster.

"How many times are you going to go through a flood like that before you move when there's nothing tangible that anybody is working towards," she said. "The community is left without hope because there is not a plan.

"There's never a plan, there's not a thing that says this is what we need to do."

Agriculture Victoria senior specialist for natural disasters and emergencies Banjo Patterson encouraged growers affected by heavy rains to contact Agriculture Victoria for recovery assistance or advice.

"Agriculture Victoria continues to work... to monitor the situation and assess potential impacts," he said.

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Locals fill sand bags in Rochester (above) in preparation for possible flooding as the Campaspe rises.

Right: A flooded street in Rochester.

Left: The inundation at Seymour, which received 81mm of rain in 24 hours, with the Goulburn River bursting its banks.

Rainfall records tumble

MADELEINE STUCHBERY

A summer deluge across southeast Australia has flooded Victorian regions for the second time in 14 months, with some townships receiving six months' worth of rainfall in the first week of the n

Bureau of Meteorology rainfall data from the past week shows that areas of Victoria and NSW have posted a record wet start to the year, with some centres closing in on half their average annual rainfall totals. In Victoria, Kerang has received 34 per cent of its annual average rainfall (126mm), while Bendigo has received 127mm; Redesdale 141mm; Echuca 96mm; and Shepparton 98mm.

In NSW, Broken Hill has recorded 48 per cent of its annual average already, with 118mm falling since January 1.

Bourke has received 38 per cent of its average, with 112mm, followed by Lake Cargelligo (29 per cent or 199mm) and West Wyalong with 25 per cent, or 113mm.

Gunbower prime lamb producer John Toll records weather data for the BOM, and has access to about 60 years of data.

He said recent rainfalls in his region was some of the biggest he had seen for this time of year.

"It's certainly an interesting outlook," Mr Toll said.

"It's the wettest by my records, ever. The farms up here are literally green.

"The only negative is the weeds, such as khaki weed. Weeds are becoming a major problem in country Victoria, north of the divide today … it's starting to spread at alarming proportions … summer rains here can generate that sort of thing."

While ongoing rain presented challenges for some producers, Victorian grain producers have shifted their perspective in the lead-up to sowing in the coming months.

Quambatook grain grower Brett Hosking said his property had received about 55mm of rain in a week, which has given paddocks a boost of moisture.

"It's a really positive start. For me, and for other growers, this has changed the cropping plan, with more opportunities this year," Mr Hosking said.

"Canola is a more realistic choice in the program, paddocks we thought we may need to rest are back in the mix with a full moisture profile."

CHART TOPPERS

RAINFALL SO FAR FOR JANUARY 2024 (MM)

VICTORIA	MM	NSW	MM
Redesdale	141.4	Lake Cargelligo	119.2
Bendigo	126.6	Broken Hill	118
Kerang	125.9	West Wyalong	112.8
Wangaratta	104.4	Bourke	112.2
Shepparton	97.8	Forbes	106
Echuca	96.2	Grenfell	97.8
Warrnambool	93.2	Cootamundra	97.6
Benalla	82.8	Narrandera	84.6
Stawell	68.2	Condobolin	71.2
Ararat	67.1	Wagga Wagga	65.8

Source: BOM

Split fruit from excessive rain and hail damage.

Rotten side to the falls

MADELEINE STUCHBERY

Enduring wet weather and humidity are putting further input pressure on horticulture producers, with the Bureau of Meteorology issuing a brown rot warning for the state.

The conditions make tackling weeds and battling fungus an ongoing task for growers, according to industry leaders.

Fruit Growers Victoria grower services manager Michael Crisera said about 500ha of land in prime fruit-growing country in Victoria was damaged by rain or hail in the past week, meaning issues such as rot and fruit damage would need to be navigated by some.

"A few of our growers were hit by hail … some had 40 per cent damage, (some) up to 100 per cent," Mr Crisera said.

"It's a challenge for some with the rot issues you can have, and it can dilute sugars, you want higher sugar levels and you get better consumption of fruit when it's sweeter."

Rob Pelletier is an orchardist selling fruit and ornamental trees near Beaufort.

He said a "mini tornado" about 30 to 40 metres wide whipped through his property last week, dumping 25mm of rain in as many minutes.

"We've kicked off the new year already surpassing the January long-term average," Mr Pelletier said. "The biggest thing, because we have orchards, is the fungal problem. This weather is ideal for brown rot and apple black spot."

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Improved training, higher pay rates and wet weather have shearing contractors in the best position for three years heading into autumn.

Following a chronic shortage of shearers that plagued the industry for three years, Shearing Contractors Association of Australia secretary Jason Letchford said the past six months had been more positive.

"We've made a great effort in attracting new people to the industry. With the increase in pay rates, we've managed to retain more workers in the workforce, while training more than 400 workers between Victoria and South Australia," Mr Letchford said.

While decreased numbers in feedlots has taken the pressure off demand for shearers post-spring, the higher number of workers bodes well for the busy autumn period.

"Over this period, we're actually struggling to make sure that everyone has work, with it being the second quietest period of the year," he said. "Come autumn we will be under a little bit of pressure, but certainly nothing like the past few years."

After some pay rates reached as high as $7-$8 per sheep across 2021-22, Gippsland farmer and WoolProducers Australia president Steve Harrison said a "more commonsense approach" to rates recently had benefited both parties.

"There's money in it for the shearer, and there's money in it for the cocky at current rates," he said.

"Rates are varying between $3.80 and $4.50 a sheep. There are some at $5. We are in a better position than what we were 12-18 months ago."

While Mr Letchford said he expected it would be "flat out" again come autumn, he was not expecting contractors to turn to the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme to fill spots.

"We've given up on it for the time being," he said.

"With the new rules the PALM workers would need to be treated as full-time workers, and there are enough domestic workers. For the extra cost and the extra headache, it isn't worth it to apply for the scheme anymore."

Port dispute losses climb

TANSY HARCOURT

DP World Australia believes its ongoing dispute with its stevedores over wages and rostering has so far cost the nation more than $84 million a week due to delays loading and unloading containers from ships.

And it wants the federal government to arbitrate a solution.

Australia's second biggest ports operator said the ongoing industrial action had stalled about 44,000 containers, and a backlog could take up to eight weeks to clear.

It commissioned a report that showed the industrial action had cost $1.34 billion since it began in October last year.

DP World Oceania executive vice-president Nicolaj Noes this week said he would like Prime Minister Anthony Albanese or Industrial Relations Tony Burke to ask the Fair Work Commission to step in and force mandatory arbitration.

"That would be our recommendation, that Minister Burke or Mr Albanese pick up the phone to the Fair Work Commission and say 'guys you have got to bring these people to the table and stop the industrial action' and come up with an outcome now that is fair for both parties," Mr Noes said.

The port delays affect importers such as Coles, Woolworths, JB Hi-Fi, Harvey Norman and others, while any companies that export would also be experiencing disruption.

DP World said meat exports alone were worth $18.7 billion annually and relied on just-in-time supply chains, which have been significantly affected impacted by the work bans and stoppages imposed by the Maritime Union of Australia.

Carbon credit prices take off

COLIN PACKHAM

The introduction of Labor's centrepiece emission reduction scheme has driven the price of Australian carbon credits to a six-month high, as heavy emitters snap up abatement credits to meet their new requirements.

Labor last year secured sufficient support to pass into law its beefed-up safeguard mechanism, the centrepiece of its plan to reduce emissions by 43 per cent by 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

The strengthened safeguard mechanism – a scheme first introduced under the Coalition – requires Australia's 215 largest polluters to cut their annual emissions by about 5 per cent every year, which they are initially achieving through the use of carbon emission credits.

As a result, the price of an Australian Carbon Credit Unit hit a six-month high last week, which RepuTex executive director Hugh Grossman said was driven by corporate positioning.

"The market began to heat up over November and December, with broker-traded volumes reaching a 10-month high behind an uptick in compliance buying," he said.

The safeguard mechanism scheme allows the 215 corporates to use only ACCUs rather than foreign credits, which have been widely condemned.

The design is supposed to incentivise Australia's largest emitters to invest in technology to lower emissions, which was likely to drive up the price of the contracts, Mr Grossman said. RepuTex expects growing demand to meet compliance requirements in the immediate future.

While the use of ACCUs will be welcomed by some as a boost to Australia's climate ambitions, the use of abatement credits rather than emission reductions will stoke criticism from opponents to the scheme, notably the Greens, who argue corporates must be required to reduce carbon dioxide output rather than buy credits.

Federal Energy Minister Chris Bowen said the mechanism would incentivise investments in technology that curtailed carbon dioxide output.

The incentive to invest will be elevated should the price of ACCUs grow substantially, analysts said.

Still, the credits remain controversial. In 2023, an independent review into the carbon credits rejected suggestions the instruments were fundamentally flawed after a campaign from prominent figures who said the credits were being produced when no carbon was being abated.

Labor has proposed new stringent financial disclosure rules that would require companies to report their emissions, as well as scope 3 emissions from their customers and suppliers, from the 2024-25 financial year.

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Calf buyers hold a tight rein

FIONA MYERS and JENNY KELLY

Millions of dollars have changed hands as southern Australia's famed weaner sales get under way, but the hangover of beef's tough run in 2023 has put a ceiling on prices.

Bidding restraint and careful budgets have been the hallmarks of the opening weaner calf sales, with heavy rainfall unable to fully erase the painful cattle trading conditions of the past year.

Remarkably similar price averages of 307c to 330c/kg liveweight were recorded for Angus steers at calf sales across Victoria last week despite green summer feed emerging across the eastern states.

Prices did gain some momentum at Hamilton on Monday, with heavy EU-accredited Angus steers selling to $1518, as the sale went to the top of the calf price rankings with an average of $1141 or 331c/kg liveweight.

Though the early sales have still generated tens of millions of dollars and competition from as far away as Queensland, the rates have not lifted dramatically despite the chance to secure lines only sold once a year.

Jodie Russell and daughter Phoebe, of GE Russell Pastoral at Inglefield, at the Hamilton sale, where their Angus steers sold for 314c/kg, and below, bidding at the saleyard on Monday.

The bulk of the steer calves have sold in a compressed price range of $900 to $1200, and heifers mostly from $600 to $900.

NSW buyer Josh Lennon, from Bach Ag at Inverell, attended markets at Wodonga and Yea in Victoria's North East before travelling onto Hamilton this week.

He was one of several buyers observed by The Weekly Times to be operating to strict price limits.

"We want to land them home for under $1100," Mr Lennon said, noting he was facing a transport cost of $84 a head from Hamilton to Inverell.

"There is still a lot of pain out there from buying steers at $2400 and selling them at $1400 and we are one of those. It's why you are not seeing people jump over each other to buy cattle now.

"It seems like people have set a rate and are sticking to it a lot more than they did (in past years).

"I know we are a lot tighter with our purchases than we were 12 months ago."

More than 20,000 weaners were sold in a week at Wodonga, Wangaratta and Yea alone, grossing more than $20 million, while the action switched to the Western District this week.

But so tight are budgets and so careful is the bidding that sales are averaging within a few dollars of each other despite different vendors and cattle.

That included Wodonga and Wangaratta's offering of 10,000 Angus weaner and grown cattle on the same day last week, where one sale averaged $1030 and the other $1031.

Elders Albury livestock manager Brett Shea said producers accepted prices went in cycles, but input costs were always on their minds.

"Even when the job was flying, there was a reality check on how expensive everything was," Mr Shea said.

But he said at least weaner those selling now had missed the worst of the price falls of about six to eight weeks ago.

RMA chief executive officer Chris Howie said the industry was trying to find its price level before Christmas and had done so at the weaner sales.

"It's settled at 310-350c/kg liveweight (for Angus) yet everyone is buying to a limit," Mr Howie said.

Vendor Dennis Heywood from Everton sold 738 Angus steer and heifer weaners and averaged $1028 overall, with the steer portion averaging $1131 at Wangaratta's feature sale. This compares to $1514 last year and $2411 in 2021.

Mr Heywood said he had hoped northern NSW and Queensland competition would lift prices further, and summed up his results as "pretty disappointing".

"What I can say is it was good that prices were up two years ago so we could do some fencing and build some sheds and update some equipment," Mr Heywood said.

"I feel like we could be in for tough times for quite a while."

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Fire season far from over, according to CFA chief

ALEX SINNOTT

Victoria's fire season is not over despite floodwaters saturating vast swathes of the state, the Country Fire Authority boss says.

CFA chief officer Jason Heffernan said moderate to heavy rainfall statewide meant the fire risk may be quelled for a week or fortnight, but the 2023-24 bushfire season was not over.

He noted that many of Victoria's blackest days, such as the 1983 Ash Wednesday and 2009 Black Saturday bushfires, occurred in February.

"We've seen significant rainfall across the state (on Sunday into Tuesday)," Mr Heffernan said.

"What that does mean for the bushfire season in Victoria is that it means those bushland areas, those forested areas, to remain damp for the next couple of weeks.

"In effect, it's hit pause on the bushfire risk in those areas. For the grassland areas, the risk remains."

Seymour, Murchison, Shepparton, Yea and Lake Eildon all experienced varying degrees of flooding on Monday, with a drenching of 100mm for northern and central Victoria.

However, CFA monitoring showed grassland curing around that same region, as well as large parts of the Mallee, Wimmera and Ballarat regions, was higher than 90 per cent.

Across the Ararat, Hamilton, Warrnambool and Colac regions, grassland curing was between 40 and 70 per cent.

Most of south and west Gippsland as well as the Heytesbury region in south-west Victoria was the best positioned for the season. with grassland curing rates below 30 per cent.

"The grassland across much of the state, from central Victoria to the west, has grass curing of 90 per cent or higher," Mr Heffernan said.

"While rain introduces moisture into the soil, because the grass is cured off, they will dry off and all it will take is a week or two of warm weather and those grassland areas will again be of some risk to Victorian communities."

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Passing of the baton as oldest Holstein stud hits 100

CONOR FOWLER

The oldest Holstein stud in Australia has turned 100, marking the milestone with the fourth-generation farmer passing it on to the fifth.

Don Gilmore, who runs Ingolston stud with his wife, Dale, at Yarrawalla in northern Victoria, is part of a storied family.

His great-great-grandfather, Thomas, first came out to Australia from Broomfield, in Northern Ireland's County Monaghan, in 1856 on the ship Marco Polo.

Thomas then moved his family out to Yarrawalla in 1870, where the Gilmore family have been ever since.

"In November 1923, my grandfather, another Thomas, bought the first cattle down at Marong, buying three cows," Don said.

"He and my Dad, Ken, really took the herd right to the top of the breed,

"Ingolston Mary-Ann won the first Excellent cow when the classification came in 1967, and in the '90s we had the first 7e Excellent cow which was Ingolston Squeaky."

"Squeaky was a real standout for me, because that was one that I bred."

With Don now retiring, it is an era of transition for the stud, with his daughter Claire taking the reins.

"We're not currently milking cows at the stud, but I'm still breeding them and milking them elsewhere, because it's just what I love to do," Claire said. "We will still continue to breed, but on a much smaller scale."

Reflecting on the history of the stud, old photos and written documents continue to give the Gilmore family a greater insight into their family's past.

"We still have some of the old export certificates from the early days from New Zealand and America and so forth," Don said.

"It's rather interesting to go back through it."

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Claire Gilmore (left), who will take over Lagoona at Durham Ox from her parents Don and Dale Gilmore (right). Picture: Yuri Kouzmin

Dairy hopes hinge on global rises

ALEX SINNOTT

A soft new year bounce on the international dairy market needs to be sustained into 2024 to keep Australia competitive.

That is the view of dairy leaders following a small rise in overnight trade on the Global Dairy Trade exchange.

The headline figure on the GDT index rose 1.2 per cent in recent trade to sit at $US3363 a tonne ($A4973), coinciding with the Australian dollar reaching a six-month high against the American greenback.

The latest bounce is the third consecutive trading GDT session in positive territory after a drubbing for dairy markets throughout 2023.

United Dairyfarmers of Victoria president Bernie Free said the triple market bounce was welcome, but needed to be sustained in the coming months to get Australia back to a competitive position.

"There's that old English saying about 'one swallow doesn't make a summer' and that's the case here," he said. "We need the international market to keep rising because the fact is that there's a big gap between the farmgate and international prices."

An influx of New Zealand cheese has been noted by Dairy Australia analysts in recent months, with its latest situation and outlook report recording 2023 as a record year for imported dairy into Australia.

ABS data showed that last financial year New Zealand butter imports were up 62 per cent, milk spiked by 74 per cent and ice cream imports rose 105 per cent.

Surge in live sheep exports

JAMES WAGSTAFF

The number of sheep live exported from Australia rose sharply in 2023 despite ongoing uncertainty over the trade.

Figures from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry show that 565,535 live sheep were exported from Australia between January and November last year, up from 502,758 during the 12 months of 2022. In 2021, 575,529 sheep were exported live after three particularly strong years during 2020 (811,481 head), 2019 (1.1 million head) and 2018 (1.2 million head).

The lucrative but controversial trade has been under a cloud for years, with the Labor government vowing to end the live export of sheep by sea if re-elected at the next federal election – a position farmers say they will fight hard to overturn.

According to the DAFF data, Kuwait was the biggest destination for Australian live sheep in the first 11 months of last year, accounting for 243,458 head, followed by Israel (101,100), Jordan (87,975), the United Arab Emirates (59,500) and Oman (47,946).

Western Australia accounted for the clear majority of live sheep exports, with 547,979 head exported via ship from Fremantle and a further 8349 breeder and slaughter sheep exported via air from Perth.

Almost 6000 sheep were exported by air from Sydney, 2486 from Adelaide and 647 from Melbourne.

These numbers are set to rise once December's figures are added to form the 2023 total. In December 2022 alone, 59,620 sheep were exported live from Australia.

West Australian farmer and National Farmers' Federation vice-president John Hassall said the increased live sheep throughput in recent years was proof the sector was "a very viable industry over here".

"There are some people losing faith in the (sheep) industry, and it's not just the live trade thing that was causing our prices to fall. The El Nino or whatever you had in the eastern states with people flogging sheep off as hard as they could meant that there wasn't a price differential for us," he said. "We've got some really appallingly low prices here, so confidence is pretty ordinary. But (we can help reverse that) if we can knock the live trade ban on the head – and I think we can win politically – I don't think the government has got any choice (but to backflip on their position). Farmers will target key seats if necessary."

Total live shipments of all species rose during 2023, accounting for 1.2 million head during the January-November reporting period compared with 1.1 million head for the entirety of 2022. Once December figures are factored in, 2023 could go close to being the biggest year for live exports since 2021 when 1.38 million head were exported. In December 2022, live export numbers amounted to almost 120,000.

Live cattle numbers are expected to be similar to last year – around the 600,000 mark.

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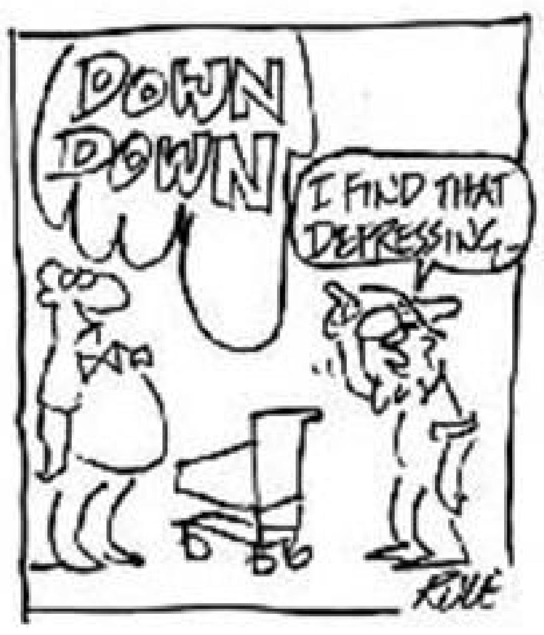
‘Shift focus, supermarkets’

ALEX SINNOTT

Discount-focused advertising by Australia’s big three supermarkets needs to be ditched in 2024 for the sake of farmers and the retailers.

Some of the nation’s marketing experts say the grocery giants have made a rod for their own back with their “Down, Down” and “Cheap, Cheap” ad campaigns.

University of NSW marketing expert Nitika Garg said non-grocery advertising, such as clothing, recreational products and department stores, focused on quality rather than price, and supermarkets would be advised to alter their approach, given the growing unrest at check-outs nationwide.



“Supermarkets rely on the same marketing approach they had before 2020, before Covid and then inflationary period of 2022-23. By maintaining that same type of discount-advertising, they’ve failed to adjust consumer expectations,” Professor Garg said.

“The reference point that all of us have as shoppers changed due to inflation. But the marketing about locked-in prices sets an expectation that hasn’t been delivered.

“Take for example the supermarkets with their ‘locked down prices’, which were found to have changed.

“The customer sees one or two items on sale, but the advertising implies that most of what is on sale is discounted and then they’re annoyed when they reach the checkout and they feel they have paid far more than they anticipated.”

University of Queensland marketing expert Nicolas Pontes said when Aldi entered the Australian grocery sector two decades ago, Coles and Woolworths shifted their advertising message from a focus on freshness and quality to compete with the cut-price German retailer.

Farmers were outraged when the trend stepped up in the 2010s with loss-leader gimmicks such as $1 per litre milk.

“When you’re advertising so strongly ‘half-price’ products or ‘prices are going down’, you lower the price image of the supermarket,” Dr Pontes said. “It makes consumers more price-sensitive.”

An Aldi spokeswoman said: “In over 20 years of operation in Australia, we have consistently delivered on our ambition to provide Australian shoppers with high-quality groceries at affordable prices.”

A Coles spokesman said: “At a time when cost-of-living pressures are mounting for many customers, Coles is committed to help Australians with a range of value campaigns to support customers in tough economic circumstances.”

A Woolworths spokeswoman said: “Australian consumers are savvy and shop across multiple retailers to get the best deal. We will continue to compete vigorously on value to attract and retain customers.”

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WOOLSTHORPE UNION STATION HOTEL

Union Station Hotel manager Renee Grant. Pictures: Nicole Cleary

Pub back and booming

ALEX SINNOTT

Woolsthorpe came close to losing its only pub five years ago.

Now the refurbished hotel in southwest Victoria is feted in the hospitality industry as a turnaround success, with hundreds flocking to the hamlet every weekend.

Midfield Group founder Colin and Janice McKenna purchased the pub shortly before the 2020-21 Covid period and spent the lockdown era renovating what was previously known as the National Hotel.

Union Station Hotel manager Renee Grant said pubgoers frequently drove more than an hour for an eye fillet and an amber ale.

“When the pub was for sale, it looked like no-one was going to buy it. It was probably going to close,” Ms Grant said. “With the renovations, it’s twice the size of what it was before. The enormous playground out the back has been a big drawcard for families.

“We get people coming here from Portland, Hamilton, more than an hour away. We seat 150 every Saturday lunch, 150 every Saturday dinner, Sundays are always busy too.”

Accommodation ‘flavour of the month’ in pub revival

DAVID JOHNSTON

The country hotel scene has well and truly shaken the Covid blues with a string of popular pubs changing hands in the second half of 2023.

Pandemic pain for operators due to lockdowns and patron limits have been consigned to the past with one agent clinching a sale this month for one of the Mornington Peninsula’s largest venues, the Rye Hotel, for close to $50 million.

It followed the same agent, JLL, being involved in sales of Warrnambool’s Whalers Hotel and Bendigo’s Foundry and National hotels for a combined figure of close to $40 million.

JLL agent Lachlan Persley said a clear trend had emerged with investors keen on pubs that had additional revenue streams such as accommodation.

“It’s a massive trend at the moment,” he said. “Everyone is looking for rooms attached.

“They provide dual revenue streams and they are quite profitable.

“Pubs in regional areas with accommodation are the flavour of the month at the moment.”

Hotels with gaming machines were also highly sought after.

The Rye Hotel ticked every box for its new owners, the Endeavour Group, with food, beverage, TAB, pokies and accommodation.

Bendigo’s National Hotel has 24 motel units and sold to a Melbourne investor and the Foundry Hotel’s features include a 200-seat bistro, sports bar and pokies and sold to the Mercury Group.

The Whalers Hotel’s mix of food and beverage and pokies was snapped up by Cook, Beaumont & Partners, which owns two other Warrnambool pubs.

Mr Persley tipped the pub market to remain buoyant in 2024.

“It’s already looking like we’re going to be really busy,” he said. “No one talks about Covid anymore.

“It wasn’t fun for anyone, but we’ve gone past that now.”

Australian Hotels Association Victorian chief executive Paddy O’Sullivan (pictured), said there were still challenges to running a country pub.

“The challenge faced by all pubs in 2023, not just regional-based operators, is the steady increase in the cost of running the business, which includes significant increases to utilities and insurance, council rates, WorkCover premiums, liquor licence fees, as well as the flow-on effect of the increasing cost of goods like fresh produce and meats,” he said.

“(In 2024) we expect to see continued enthusiasm towards Victorians travelling and holidaying in their own backyard, being regional and rural towns.

“With the economic environment we are currently in, with cost-of-living pressures increasing and a focus on receiving great value for discretionary dollars spent on travel and social occasions, country pubs and regional tourism are perfectly placed to welcome visitors and provide them with genuine, long-lasting positive experiences.”

Barley flows back to China

Three years after steep Chinese tariffs halted imports of Australian barley as tensions between the two countries ratcheted higher, the grain is once again flowing freely.

Barley is not only used to brew beer but to feed pigs, and China was Australia's leading market, taking 50 per cent of its barley exports.

China has imported 314,000 tonnes of Australian barley worth $139 million since the government scrapped its 80.5 per cent tariffs in August, the Australian government said in early December, citing official Chinese data.

The resumption of trade is a welcome relief for Australian farmers, who saw a nearly $1 billion market evaporate in 2020.

"In the two months following the market's reopening, Marketing and Trading shipped two vessels of barley to China," said the CBH Group, a cooperative of over 3500 Western Australian grain farmers, in its annual report.

China slapped the high tariffs on Australian barley in 2020, in response to escalating diplomatic tensions between the two countries.

Grain producers are glad to be back in business with China and some intend to increase crops.

Australia sought out and found new markets to offload its harvests — it is the world's third-largest producer of the grassy grain.

"It caused us to pivot, so we found new markets, like Mexico. We managed to have tariffs lowered, which were previously in excess of 100 per cent," Sean Cole, the acting general manager of the Grain-Growers trade association, told AFP.

"With China gone, Australia was really forced to go back to more traditional customers in the feed market, mainly the Middle East and Saudi Arabia, where we've been for over 20 years."

Between June 2022 and June 2023, Saudi Arabia became the leading importer of Australian barley, according to data from the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences.

Lyndon Mickel farms a 6000ha plot of land near Beaumont in southwest Australia.

The latest harvest of his fields of various grains and peas was the 23rd of his career, but it has taken time to bounce back from the Chinese tariffs.

"We've had a reduction in price, but we've been fortunate we've had two very good years in that time crop-wise," Mr Mickel said.

"So what we've lost in price, we've gained in tonnage anyway."

As El Nino returns to the Pacific, ABARES predicts barley production will drop by 24 per cent to 10.8 million tonnes for the 2023-24 harvest.

– AFP

Home-cooked vegetarian meals, such as those using plant-based meat substitutes, may be considered healthy, but a new study shows their fast-food counterpart meals are not. Picture: AFP

Fast-food options put to test

The plant-based burgers, wraps and pizzas that have appeared on fast-food menus in recent years are no healthier than the traditional meat alternatives, a study has found.

Researchers looked at the 10 fast-food restaurant chains with the most branches in Australia, Canada, Poland, the UK and US. They then matched plant-based meals with meat counterparts, where both came from the same country and chain, had a weight difference of less than 10 per cent and were of the same type of food – sandwiches, for example, were compared with sandwiches.

There was no clear health benefit to choosing the vegetarian options. The plant-based meals tended to have less sodium than the meat equivalents, but they had more sugar, more carbohydrates and less protein.

Vegetarian, but not vegan, meals were more likely to have more fat and saturated fat than "omnivore" equivalents that included meat. On average, the plant-based meals also contained about as many calories as the meat alternatives.

Overall, the results confirm that switching to plant-based junk food will not decrease the risk of diabetes and obesity.

Advocates of plant-based meals say avoiding meat, especially beef, makes sense because raising livestock produces large amounts of greenhouse gases and frequently the farmers are using deforested land. Other studies have shown that people who eat plenty of home-cooked vegetarian food tend to be relatively healthy.

However, Mikolaj Kaminski, of the Poznan University of Medical Sciences in Poland, who led the research, said the results were a reminder that plant-based was no guarantee of nutritional quality, especially on menus dominated by ultra-processed foods.

"Our study shows that plant-based meals are not associated with lower calories, which consumers may not realise," he said.

"This really emphasises the importance of making informed food choices, especially when it comes to consuming fast food ...

"It exposes the illusion that plant-based alternatives of popular fast-food dishes are automatically a healthier choice."

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Ruth, Stephen, Lachlan and Colin Parker of Glencoe Pastoral Company at Holbrook NSW topped one of the weaner sales at Wodonga with their Black Simmental-cross steers which made $1225 or 285c/kg; centre: delivering cattle after day three of the Wodonga weaner sales where prices came back from the previous two days of results; right: Alicia and Alvio Trovatello of Glendan Park at Kyneton and Tony Reardon of Brooklyn Pastoral at Mansfield with his pen of Hereford steers which was judged best presented at the Wangaratta weaner sale. They sold for $1120, weighed 358kg and returned 313c/kg liveweight.

Making a mark

Weaner sales kicked off last week with big crowds watching to see how the prices would track.

And while it was a step down from last year's results, most vendors were happy prices had lifted in the past six weeks thanks to the rain.

Pictures: Fiona Myers

Trevor Ralston from Euroa was disappointed when his Hereford steer weaners made $980 (359kg, 273c/kg) and $900 (315kg, 286c/kg) at Wodonga, saying it was tough to cop such a big price hit when input costs kept rising.

Left: Holly, 5, Bonnie, 7, Ellie, 4, Betty, 2, and their mum Sally from Wangaratta were selling Angus heifers at the Wangaratta weaner sale; above: Trevor McGuffie from Buffalo River and Frank Caponecchia of Myrtleford, two of the vendors at the Wodonga weaner sales.

Students at Seaspray Primary School in Gippsland are proud of their tiny school.

Fears as school forced to close

DAVID JOHNSTON

Seaspray Primary School has been forced to make the gut-wrenching decision to shut its doors, with no enrolments for this year.

Although not officially closed, the Victorian government's confirmation that it has been made "non-operational" is a body blow for the Gippsland seaside school's long-term future.

Seaspray was among 18 schools in the state that had fewer than 10 students last year, with four others being officially closed in 2023 – Elmhurst, Yaapeet, Dargo and Waaia-Yalca South.

"It's a tragedy," Seaspray Ratepayers' president Kaylene Wheeler said.

"I can't work out what has happened because they've had brand new playgrounds, a brand new bus to take children on excursions and pick up children to go to school.

"Everyone is really sad about it, but you can't just snap children out of the sky.

"With the young families who have moved down here I do see a little glimmer of hope, but to get a teacher to come into a rural school these days has become really hard," Ms Wheeler said.

An education department spokesman said the school council had recommended it become non-operational due to no enrolments for 2024.

"We work closely with small schools to make sure they can meet the needs of their communities and deliver a comprehensive education for local students," the spokesman said.

Seaspray's primary school has been in existence since 1927 and its highest number of students since 2008 was 26 in 2010.

But five years later, they slipped to six, before a minor resurgence, followed by a drop to seven last year.

Gippsland South MP Danny O'Brien said he hoped the government and education department "would genuinely keep the door open for Seaspray to reopen".

"It's always disappointing to lose a primary school, even if it is technically only going to a 'non-operational' status," Mr O'Brien said.

"I hope both the government and the department will genuinely keep the door open for Seaspray to reopen if there are new opportunities for students and a new principal in future," he said.

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The UK has revealed its long-awaited replacement of the EU's agricultural support scheme, with new subsidies available for farmers to boost sustainable food production and protect the environment.

Under new plans unveiled by Environment Secretary Steve Barclay last Thursday, farmers will be paid for actions taken to maintain habitats and for using new technology to increase yields.

The system replaces the EU's basic payment scheme, which automatically provided income support for farmers as long as they adhered to rules on human and animal health and welfare, plant health, and the environment.

"We have listened to farmers' feedback and set out the biggest upgrades to our farming schemes since leaving the EU, with more money, more choice and more trust to support domestic food production while also protecting the environment," Mr Barclay said.

The government hopes the scheme will strengthen supply chains and help deliver its commitment to domestically produce at least 60 per cent of the food eaten within the UK, while also meeting a target to restore at least 30 per cent of the country's natural environment by 2030.

New subsidies will be on offer for farmers taking action to advance agricultural technology, such as robotic mechanical weeding.

There will also be payments to strengthen incentives for farmers to "create habitats and ensure they are rewarded for looking after habitats once they have created them".

For instance, farmers will receive $1448 (£765) per hectare for nesting plots for lapwing, and $2351 (£1242) per hectare for connecting river and flood-plain habitat.

Indian farmers take part in a protest rally against the state and central governments over their various demands, at the town of Jandiala Guru, on the outskirts of Amritsar, in the Punjab state. Picture: Narinder Nanu

Minister's taxing time

German Economy Minister Robert Habeck expressed concern last week after farmers angry at government plans to cut tax breaks for agriculture trapped him on a ferry in the northern town of Schluettsiel.

About 30 protesters prevented Habeck from disembarking the vessel on Thursday as he returned from a winter break on the North Sea island of Hallig Hooge, a police spokesman told AFP.

After negotiations failed to end the farmers' blockade, Habeck decided to stay on the ferry and travel back to the island.

Order restored, Habeck returned to the mainland about 1.50am Friday, police said.

In total, about 100 farmers descended on the port in their tractors to intercept the minister, with police using pepper spray to disperse the crowd.

Polish end blockade

Polish farmers on Saturday suspended their blockade of a major crossing into neighbouring Ukraine following the signing of an agreement with the Polish government.

Polish truckers continue to blockade three other main border crossings into Ukraine since November in protest at "unfair competition" from Ukrainian counterparts and against the relaxation of access rules to the European Union for Ukrainian firms.

Polish farmers had added their voices to the protests.

"We signed an agreement with the government and we are waiting for its implementation. The blockade has been suspended until our demands are met," protest organiser Roman Kondrow said.

Polish farmers have complained they are suffering from a tail-off in prices dating back to early last year as a result of Ukrainian cereal imports.

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The top 50 ASX-listed agribusinesses

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Ag's sharemarket darlings ride out a slump in market capitalisation, writes **TALLIS MILES**

Some of Australia's biggest agribusinesses weathered a rollercoaster 2023, amid a year of rising interest rates, mixed seasonal conditions and inflationary pressures.

The top 10 most valuable agribusiness companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange are now worth more than $26 billion, a considerable sum, but well below the $30.2 billion the top 10 were valued at in early 2022.

The slump in market capitalisation – a function of the number of shares issued in a company and the share price – shows how the challenges of 2023 have affected the value of Australia's biggest publicly listed agribusinesses.

Treasury Wine Estates has retained its title as the nation's most valuable agribusiness, sporting a market capitalisation of $8.74 billion.

Treasury Wine Estates' net profit dipped by about $10 million to $254.5 million, but renewed industry hopes of China scrapping its 175 per cent-plus tariffs on Australian wine exports next year could provide a boost for the wine heavyweight, which also announced the closure of the company's Karadoc site in northwest Victoria earlier this year.

Major Australian poultry producer Inghams has bolted into the top 10 following a pair of strong years, including a $60.4 million profit last year.

Ingham's increased its net revenue by about $300 million in the past financial year after producing 463,500 tonnes, down 0.4 per cent year-on-year.

The largest fruit and vegetable grower in Australia, Costa Group, also made headlines last year when it was subject to a $1.5 billion takeover bid from US buyout firm Paine Schwartz Partners.

The Costa board has continued unanimously recommending shareholders vote in favour of the bid in the absence of a superior proposal. Investors will vote on the proposed takeover on January 30.

Meanwhile, Elders and Bega Cheese have slipped down the rankings to sit ninth and 10th respectively, each navigating a tough 12 months.

Elders reported pre-tax earnings of $170.8 million and net profit of $100.8 million amid softening input prices, significantly declining livestock prices, inflationary pressures and rising interest rates.

"The year was met with challenging trading conditions and despite this, Elders achieved its second highest EBIT result in 10 years," Elders managing director and chief executive Mark Allison said.

There was also some boardroom uncertainty this year at Elders, with Mr Allison ultimately delaying his retirement plans to stay at the helm.

At Bega a non-cash after-tax asset impairment of $230 million was behind its statutory loss after tax of $229.9 million. The company recorded a normalised profit after tax of $28.5 million.

"The non-cash impairment of our bulk commodity assets is reflective of industry circumstances and reinforces the importance of our strategy to transform to a predominantly branded business," Bega Cheese executive chairman Barry Irvin said.

"The right-sizing of our commodity assets and their further integration with our branded business creates a great platform for the support and growth of our brands while maintaining the capability to respond to changing market circumstances."

Finally, Cobram Estate has surged into the nation's top 15 most valuable ASX agribusinesses, following its listing in August 2021.

Via its two main brands, Cobram Estate and Red Island, the company has a combined 36 per cent of olive oil sales in Australia, reaching a $724.22 million market capitalisation this year.

3 Kevin Bush
10 Barry Irvine

TOP END OF TOWN

AUSTRALIA'S 50 BIGGEST AGRIBUSINESSES BY MARKET CAP

	COMPANY	MARKET CAP 2023	NET REVENUE 2022-23
1	Treasury Wine Estates	$8.74B	$2.48B
2	Incitec Pivot	$5.44B	$5.41B
3	The a2 Milk Company	$3.08B	$1.59B
4	Nufarm	$1.99B	$3.48B
5	GrainCorp	$1.64B	$8.22B
6	Inghams Group	$1.47B	$3.04B
7	Costa Group Holdings	$1.46B	$1.35B
8	Strike Energy	$1.37B	$4.045M
9	Elders	$1.2B	$3.32B
10	Bega Cheese	$1.09B	$3.38B
11	Ridley Corporation	$862.22M	$1.26B
12	Australian Agricultural Company	$843.8M	$313.42M
13	Rural Funds Group	$820.03M	$95M
14	Cobram Estate Olives Limited	$724.22M	$168.95M
15	Ricegrowers Limited	$424.78M	$1.63B
16	Lindsay Australia Limited	$359.88M	$682.74M
17	Select Harvests	$359.54M	$206M
18	Fonterra Shareholders' Fund	$348.01M	-$49.59M
19	Duxton Water	$237.48M	$19.98M
20	Lynch Group Holdings Limited	$213.61M	$395.26M
21	Synlait Milk	$196.72M	$1.32B (NZD)
22	Clover Corporation Limited	$135.26M	$79.87M
23	New Zealand King Salmon Investments Limited	$121.82M	$216.75M (NZD)
24	Bubs Australia	$115.97M	$60.11M
25	Murray Cod Australia Limited	$107.2M	$10.99M
26	Australian Vintage	$103.58M	$258.73M
27	Namoi Cotton	$99.32M	$257.05M
28	Ecofibre Limited	$60.61M	$32.51M
29	Agrimin	$60.38M	$2.149M
30	Duxton Farms	$59.96M	$7.29M
31	Apiam Animal Health	$51.3M	$191.75M
32	Clean Seas Seafood Limited	$49.62M	$69.41M
33	FFI Holdings	$48.74M	$46.82M
34	Centrex	$46.37M	$0.21M
35	The Original Juice Co	$44.43M	$42.48M
36	Maggie Beer Holdings	$33.12M	$88.82M
37	Noumi Ltd (formerly Freedom)	$29.09M	$551.56M
38	Seafarms Group Limited	$29.01M	$25.91M
39	Wide Open Agriculture	$28.48M	$11.45M
40	Jatcorp (formelrly Jatenergy Limited)	$26.64M	$57.62M
41	Neurizer (formely Leigh Creek Energy)	$26.05M	$983,756
42	Farm Pride Foods	$25.17M	$82.84M
43	Wellard	$21.78M	$38.65M
44	Beston Global	$19.97M	$169.57M
45	Nuchev	$16.03M	$8.79M
46	Reward Minerals	$14.35M	N/A
47	Tasfoods Limited	$12.23M	$70.58M
48	Bio-Gene Technology	$12.08M	$0.68M
49	Pure Foods Tasmania Limited	$10.47M	$8.74M
50	Rare Foods Australia Limited	$9.22M	$5.56M

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A state caught off guard

Ten days into 2024 and it has not been a happy new year for much of southeast Australia, particularly those communities affected by the October 2022 floods.

Just 14 months after those floods devastated regional Victoria, towns such as Rochester have found themselves in the crosshairs of natural disaster yet again.

At the time of writing on Tuesday, the floodwaters were not as high as the last time, leaving many of the town's residents breathing a sigh of relief, but that's not to say there will be no impact. The emotional and mental health toll of facing the prospect of another major flood is very real, and will no doubt be keenly felt as the stoical town gets to work on yet another clean-up.

Flood-affected residents, be they in Rochester or elsewhere in the state, can feel rightly annoyed that little seems to have been achieved by the powers-that-be by of natural disaster readiness in the intervening 14-month period.

We are still waiting for the Victorian government's October 2022 flood inquiry to report back and, as Victorian Farmers Federation president Emma Germano rightly points out, the warning signs such as full catchments were there.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Meteorology's forecasts of a hot and dry El Nino summer continue to haunt it; record-breaking rainfall and a six-month drenching in six days were nowhere on the cards.

To paraphrase Ms Germano, how is it possible for the state to be so underprepared?

Full credit to Rochester. When the flood waters rise, the community roll up their sleeves.

When the waters recede, they offer constructive ideas for future mitigation.

Spring St could well learn from the Rochester example.

The industrial crop is not a drug, but is restricted due absurd perceptions of it

Let ag embrace hemp

It's time to free up rules around hemp production and allow the community to benefit, writes **LYN STEPHENSON**

Regenerative Hemp Victoria Inc. members have been advocating since the 1990s for changes to laws governing how, where and why hemp is produced in Australia. We feel 2024 will finally see this industry blossom.

Changing public perception (and the perception of bureaucrats and politicians) about hemp has been a long, slow process.

In 2017, the federal government approved hemp seeds for human consumption.

This opened the market for farmers to grow hemp. However, the whole plant – leaves, flowers, stalks, stubble and roots – has myriad uses. These are effectively wasted when laws allow only the growing for seed.

Hemp stubble could be grazed, remembering that hemp is cannabis with less than 1 per cent THC (the psychoactive compound in marijuana), so if this non-drug plant is safe for human consumption, why not livestock?

Hemp can be used as mulch, weed matting, building products, insulation, textiles, paper and much more.

Hemp farmers must apply for a permit, provide a police check and credit check, obtain seed from a certified source assuring minimal THC levels, notify the Agriculture Department within a month of sowing, and notify again giving one month's notice of the expected harvest date.

Before harvest, officers from the department will visit the farm (at the expense of the grower) to randomly take a bucket of samples to send to a lab that will certify the level of THC (also at the expense of the grower).

The grower is not permitted to allow any of the crop to leave the farm until the THC certificate is returned with clearance that the level of THC is below 1 per cent. If not, the crop must be destroyed.

This permit process is for a crop that is not a drug, but because it is cannabis (non-psychoactive cannabis).

As an analogy, agaricales (mushroom) growers don't need a special permit, even though there is a multitude of varieties of fungus, including so-called "magic" mushrooms.

We know that farmers don't grow a crop without a market. Marketing has been another major challenge. Rachel Payne MP established a parliamentary inquiry into how to support the hemp industry in Victoria.

A paddock of hemp, which can be used for a wide variety of products and could even be grazed by livestock. Picture: Chris Kidd

The committee made nine recommendations including: removing industrial hemp from the Drugs Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 and passing a new hemp-specific Act; lobbying the federal government to allow use of the whole hemp plant; including hemp in the planning legislation as a "rural industry"; prioritising hemp including public education; investing in research for varieties, genetics and building systems (potential fireproofing); and repurposing existing timber processing infrastructure.

Government now needs to adopt all of the committee's recommendations. They have until May 31 to respond.

They don't need to wait. The sooner, the better.

• Lyn Stephenson is the president and founder of Regenerative Hemp Victoria Inc.

Proposal for a huge national park severely flawed

Bush users will not watch the creation of another national park in Victoria, writes **CASS McCORMACK**

The Victorian Environmental Assessment Council has suggested converting about 75 per cent of the Central Highlands region into "a large protected area such as a National Park".

The proposal, if implemented, would mean locking up the largest area of forest close to Melbourne.

But the "lock up and leave it" approach does not work.

Get in the car and go for a drive right now.

Go spend a day in one of our so called "pristine" national parks. You won't see the landscape for blackberries and weed growth, let alone be able to access the picnic areas because the roads are in such terrible condition.

And you can forget about taking your family dog with you. Oh no, that's not allowed in case they startle the million feral deer wandering around.

The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria, along with many other bush users, will not sit idly by and watch the creation of another national park to be left to grow into a bushfire tinderbox.

The forest belongs to us all, and that includes hunters, loggers, families, four-wheel drivers, bushwalkers, fisherman. We all want the landscape to be maintained and the evidence clearly shows National Parks (Parks Victoria) are not.

I am confident when I say that no one who genuinely knows and uses the landscape thinks this is a good idea. This is just another example of a report carried out by those who sit behind a desk. These reports have no value in the real world and I hope the government will recognise that.

The proposal has gained traction following the end of native forest logging and will be considered by a panel of "experts" next year.

We are watching this situation very closely, and you can be assured there will be a huge outcry if a Greater Forest National Park is created.

We will not sit and watch another park be locked away from all of us who use and love the bush.

• Cass McCormack is president of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria

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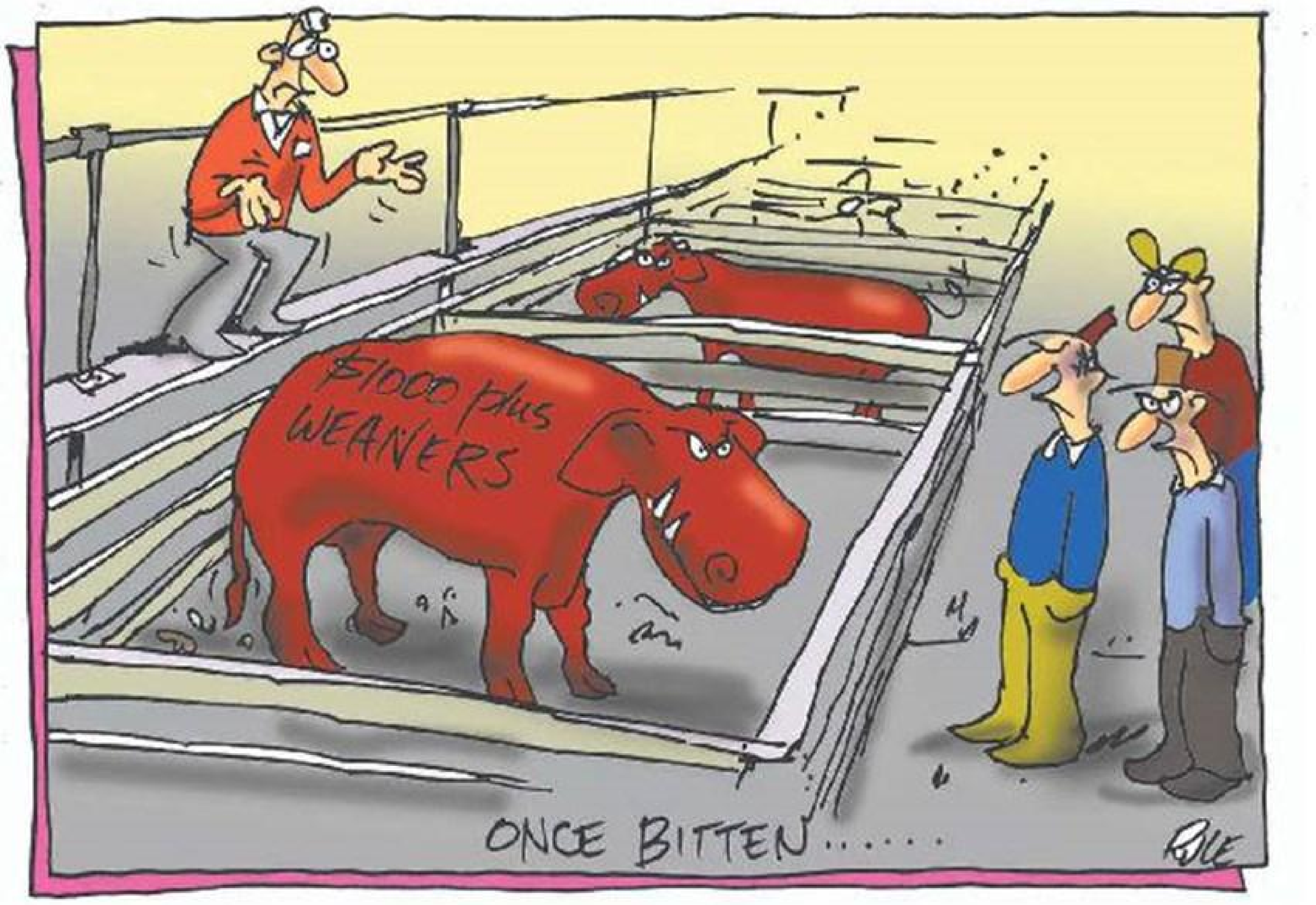

National park a bonus, not an impediment

The proposed Great Forest National Park won't "lock out" Victorians ('Locked and loaded', TWT, Jan 3). Rather, all Victorians – and tourists from elsewhere – will feel safe to enjoy nature, without the worry of a possible stray shot from a hunter.

Down here on the Mornington Peninsula, the place is buzzing with visitors, including many campers. Dogs aren't allowed in our national park areas, but no one whinges. People understand it's necessary to protect the environment.

Having a dog is not a right, it's a responsibility. You have to pick up poo, and pay for registration, vaccination, food and medical care. You also need to think about holiday arrangements before you acquire a dog. At times you'll need the help of family, friends, pet-sitters or professional dog kennels. If you can't deal with all this, then don't get a dog.

A new national park will be a win for our 6.8 million Victorians and countless other tourists.

James Robinson,
Tootgarook

Push for parks is by the ill-informed

VNPA nature campaigner Jordon Crook's utopian claim that "national parks permanently protect native habitats" ('A positive future for the preservation of parks', TWT, Jan 3) exemplifies the wider tragedy of the Victorian government's ban on native forest timber harvesting for imagined environmental benefits.

That is, that it displaces from Victoria's forests those with a real-world, practical appreciation of forests gleaned through living near, working in or using them, effectively on the say-so of ill-informed and impractical notions from those who, for the most part, live far away and rarely if ever interact with forests and trees beyond the passing view from their car window or a manicured bushwalking trail.

It is therefore unsurprising Jordan dismisses the very real concerns about future forest fire management once the forestry and timber sector is gone as simply "a conflated issue by those who seek to extract and harm forests for short-term gain".

The best than can be said in response to such nonsense is God help the forests and Victoria's rural and regional communities.

Mark Poynter (former Victorian forester),
Port Huon, Tas.

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Hunters cull the many feral pests

Your readers have been bombarded by writers complaining about the upcoming bird hunting season decision, but as a hunter that hunts all year round, do they agree with me exterminating feral animals?

After prolific wet seasons all birds and animals have bred in high numbers and I have shot more rabbits than ever before, which I have donated to conservation or consumption.

Why shouldn't I be allowed to hunt during the duck season when it is declared? If those objectors don't want ducks hunted, do they want rabbits protected as well?

If they care that much, do something about the birds and animals killed on our roads and leave the legitimate hunters alone. We are the ones paying a licence fee, membership fees, public liability and abiding by the seasons when declared.

Peter McKenzie,
East Bendigo

Ban the slaughter of our kangaroos

Thank goodness the Mornington Peninsula Shire has been excluded from the vile slaughter of our beautiful kangaroos.

Farmers want to slaughter our native animals for the benefit of their introduced, environmentally destructive animals. Animal agriculture is the leading cause of deforestation, land degradation, species extinction, toxic groundwater, ocean dead zones.

There is no evidence of kangaroos in plague proportions. The brutal slaughter of our kangaroos is unwarranted and will lead directly to their extinction if the nightly slaughter and maiming is not banned.

Susan Bee,
Seaford

Bureau bungling costly for farms

I thought it was April Fool's Day while reading how the BOM patted itself on the back ('Under-fire BOM claims value', TWT, Jan 3). The $100 million of farmers was well and truly overshadowed by their complete blunders.

Farmers were unable to capitalise on their crops as BOM said it was going to stay dry so urea and other additives were unattainable, reducing yields and quality.

Then, with their forecast of El Nino over summer, we, and many other farmers, didn't apply fly prevention to our sheep, to save money and it would be a total waste if dry and hot. This is the first year in many we have not applied fly prevention. Guess what we are doing now: you guessed it, treating fly-blown sheep.

Thanks BOM, hope your staff enjoy their holidays.

Stuart McClelland,
Bealiba

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Who is going to look after this 300,000ha of locked up forest ("Locked and loaded", TWT, Jan 3)? If we have a bushfire I can see the towns surrounding it being wiped out!

Lee

To most, national parks are places of great beauty and serenity with abundant wildlife. Given Victoria has at least 84 forest dependent threatened species, the proposed Great Forest National Park offers a chance for nature to survive and thrive.

Amy

I'm all for preserving natural bush and native animals, but if you lock the bush up who is going to maintain the pest animals and weeds, which they are having trouble doing now? Maybe you we can get a troop (of) Greens and do it for nothing to help our community.

Steve

Thank you Dianne Roberts for your defence of our kangaroos. (Letters, TWT, Jan 3) The idea that nature is ours to treat as we like is even worse than "backward"; it is wrong.

Mark

An external audit of (the BOM's) models should be undertaken ("What El Nino? Where the rain fell in 2023", theweeklytimes.com.au, Jan 7), at worst it may help improve a correct model, but it may also help fix something fundamentally flawed.

Dale

Unfortunately no matter how many police or funds are issued to stop deaths on our roads, ultimately it is the people driving that need to drive responsibly and with care ("Victorian road toll hits 15-year high", Jan 6).

Karen

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1 Bees have how many legs?

2 Brothers Mario and Luigi feature in many games produced by which video game company?

3 Beginning with Y, what is another name for the abominable snowman said to inhabit the Himalayas?

4 The original series of TV show SeaChange was filmed largely in towns on which Victorian peninsula?

5 What relation was the late Queen Elizabeth II to Princess Lilibet of Sussex?

6 What do Americans typically call what Australians refer to as a "nappy"?

7 What is the capital city of Spain?

8 "Fall of Rome" and "Motor's Too Fast" were late '80s solo hits for which singer also known as the frontman of a well-known Australian band?

4

9 "Red wriggler" is a common name for a species of what creature?

10

10 True or false: David Warner retired having scored more runs as an opener in Test cricket than any other Australian.

11 For ten years, Karl Stefanovic and Lisa Wilkinson were co-presenters on which morning TV show?

12 Winner of The Open Championship in 2022, who is the most recent Australian winner of a men's golf major?

13 What sign of the zodiac covers late May and early June?

14 The NSW town of Parkes hosts an annual festival dedicated to which late singer (which starts today)?

18

Picture: Mark Cuthbert

15 Native to Australia, Baudin's black is a species of what bird?

16 Which player (retired 2010) holds the record for most VFL/AFL games for the Western Bulldogs, with 364 to his name?

17 How is 24 written in Roman numerals?

18 The royal set to become Queen Mary of Denmark on Sunday was born and raised as Mary Donaldson in which Australian state?

19 Felicity Kendal and Pam Ferris play the title characters in which British TV mystery series?

20 Traralgon-born, Terang-raised Sir Macfarlane Burnet won a Nobel prize in which category: chemistry, medicine, or physics?

21 According to a long-running advertising slogan in Australia, "the burgers are better at..."?

22 What unit of land area was traditionally defined as the area of one chain by one furlong?

23 Visitors to which town in northeast Victoria that was once a centre of tobacco growing can stop at the Phoenix Tree, Reform Hill Lookout and a historic red gum known as The Big Tree?

24 What type of wood is traditionally used to make cricket bats?

25 Having served as prime minister for three weeks after the disappearance of Harold Holt, which Country Party leader officially became Australia's first deputy PM on this day in 1968?

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3 Wanderer
8 Library user
10 Family member
11 Night bird
12 Insipid
14 Unrevealed fact
16 Longing
19 Got up
20 First man
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25 Metal
26 Weapon
28 Strengthening soup
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35 Former Egyptian leader
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3 Showing veneration
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5 Ill-mannered
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7 Adorn with precious stones
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13 Ancient Roman days
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17 Acknowledges rank
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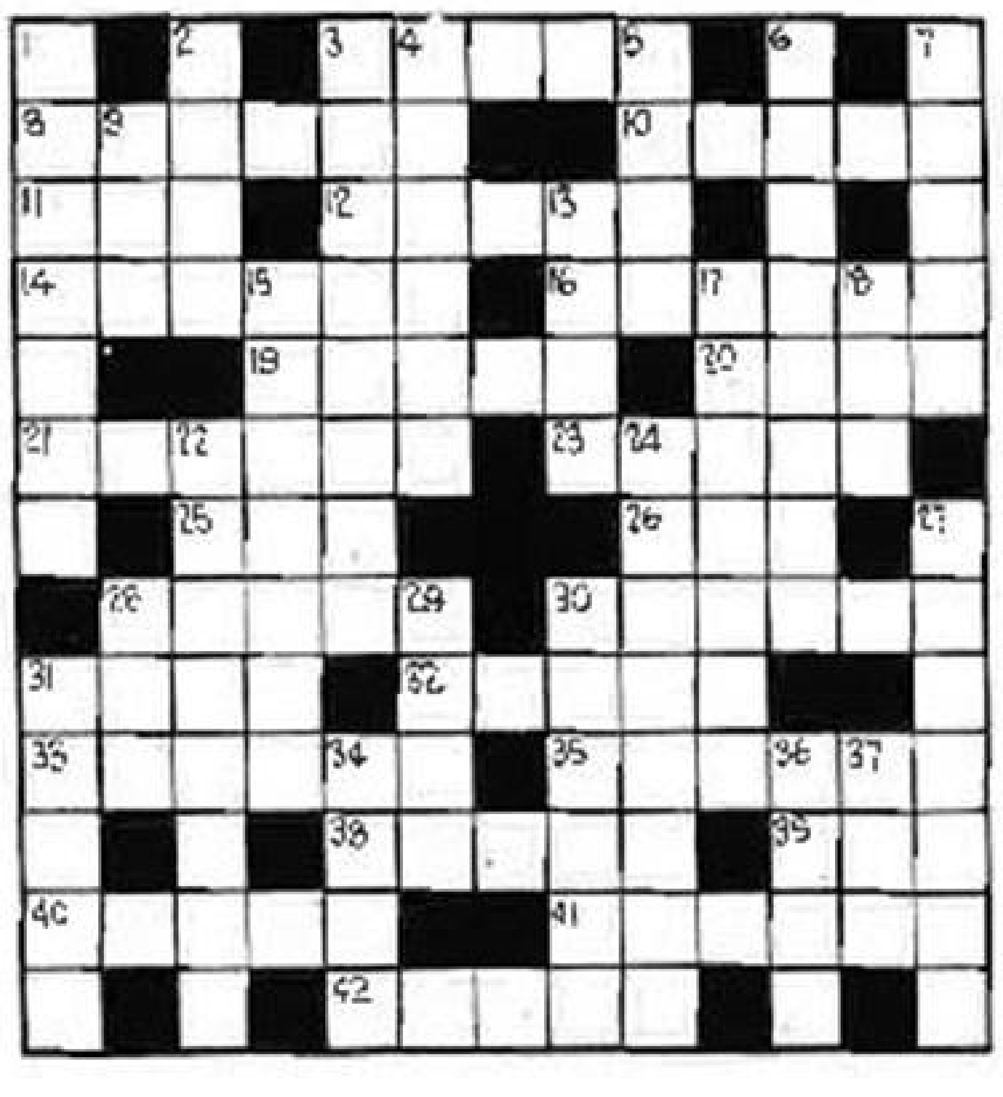

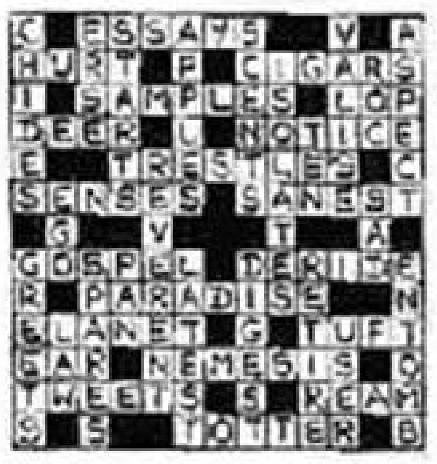

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2. Nintendo
3. Yeti
4. Bellarine
5. Great-grandmother
6. Diaper
7. Madrid
8. James Reyne
9. Worm
10. True
11. Today
12. Cameron Smith
13. Gemini
14. Elvis Presley
15. Cockatoo
16. Brad Johnson
17. XXIV
18. Tasmania
19. Rosemary &amp; Thyme
20. Medicine
21. Hungry Jack's
22. Acre
23. Myrtleford
24. Willow
25. John McEwen

HOW DID YOU SCORE?

0-5:	6-10:	11-15:	16-20:	21-25:
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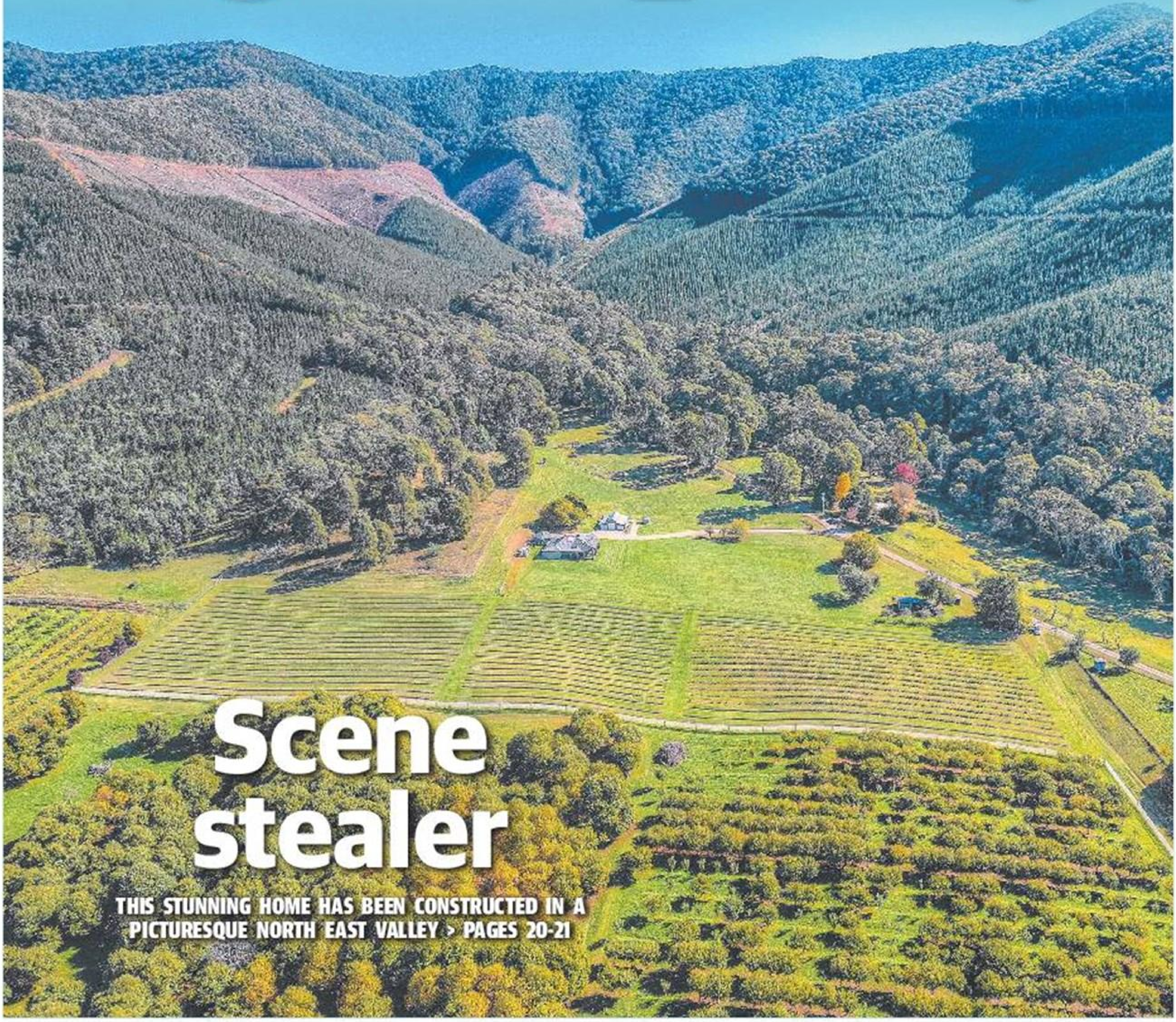

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1: 820 Border Rd, Strathdownie. 148.92ha livestock. 11am. Damian Venn 0438 904 771
2: Goodwin's Roy's, Kaniva. 257.4ha mixed farming. 2pm. Kaniva Community Hub.
Stuart Kyle 0417 332 805
5: 5515 Bass Hwy, Wonthaggi. 4.41ha lifestyle. 11am.
Phil Hanley 0417 140 508, Mick Chambers 0418 349 783
9: 1750 Sidebottoms Rd, Katandra West. 134.76ha cropping. 11am. Katandra Recreation Reserve. Kevin Hicks 0428 271 270, Lochlan Hicks 0458 216 577
15: Great Ocean Rd, Mepunga West. 51.26ha mixed farming. 1pm on site.
Rob Rickard 0407 354 025
16: Gerang Gerung. 417.68ha cropping. 2pm. Gerang Gerung Hall.
Andrew McIlree 0419 595 983
16: Lowe Rd, Rochester. 119ha mixed farming. 2pm. Rochester FNC social rooms.
Tony Hooppell 0427 842 228
23: Hallowells Rd, Cudgee. 33.59ha lifestyle. 1pm. Allansford Hall.
Tom Luxton 0427 528 548

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Commencing: Saturday 13th January, 2024 at 10.00am
Finishing: Wednesday 17th January, 2024 at 2.00pm
Locations: QLD – Cunnamulla, St George, Stanthorpe
NSW - Deniliquin

Trucks & Trailers: 2012 Kenworth T409 SAR; 2022 Stonestar Dropdeck Widener; 1996 Kenworth K300; 1997 Acco 2350C Blower Truck; Isuzu FSR Fire Truck **Earthmoving:** 1999 Caterpillar 16H Grader; Caterpillar 140M Grader; 2013 Komatsu WA 480 Loader; 18' Dixie Holdings Stick Rake; 2020 Kubota SVL 75-2 Skid Steer **Tractors & Headers:** 2014 New Holland T8.390 Tractor; Versatile 555 Tractor ; Kubota M9540 FEL Tractor; John Deere 9750 header, 936 front + trailer **Motor vehicles:** 2016 Toyota Landcruiser Workmate Dual Cab; 2017 Toyota Landcruiser Workmate Single Cab; 2016 Toyota Landcruiser Workmate Single Cab; 2011 Toyota Landcruiser GX Single Cab **Motorbikes:** 3 x Honda CRF 250L; 3 x Yamaha TT R 250; Yamaha YZ250F; 2 x Suzuki DRZ 400; Yamaha Side By Side; 2018 Polaris Farmhand 450HD **Livestock Handling:** Proway Bulk Livestock Handler; Prattley Weigh Box; New Deniliquin Steel Sheep Draft; 5 x Sheep Feeders; 2 x Woolpresses; CraigCo Jetter Box **Grain Handling:** Satake Optical Colour Sorter; GCS Grain Cleaner; Bagging Machine; Bag Stitcher; Roller Conveyors; Silage Wrap; Batco 40' x 10" Belt Auger **Miscellaneous:** 2015 Gyral Belt Spreader; Challenger 3PL Grader Blade; Dog Box; Silage Grab; 2019 N Buggy

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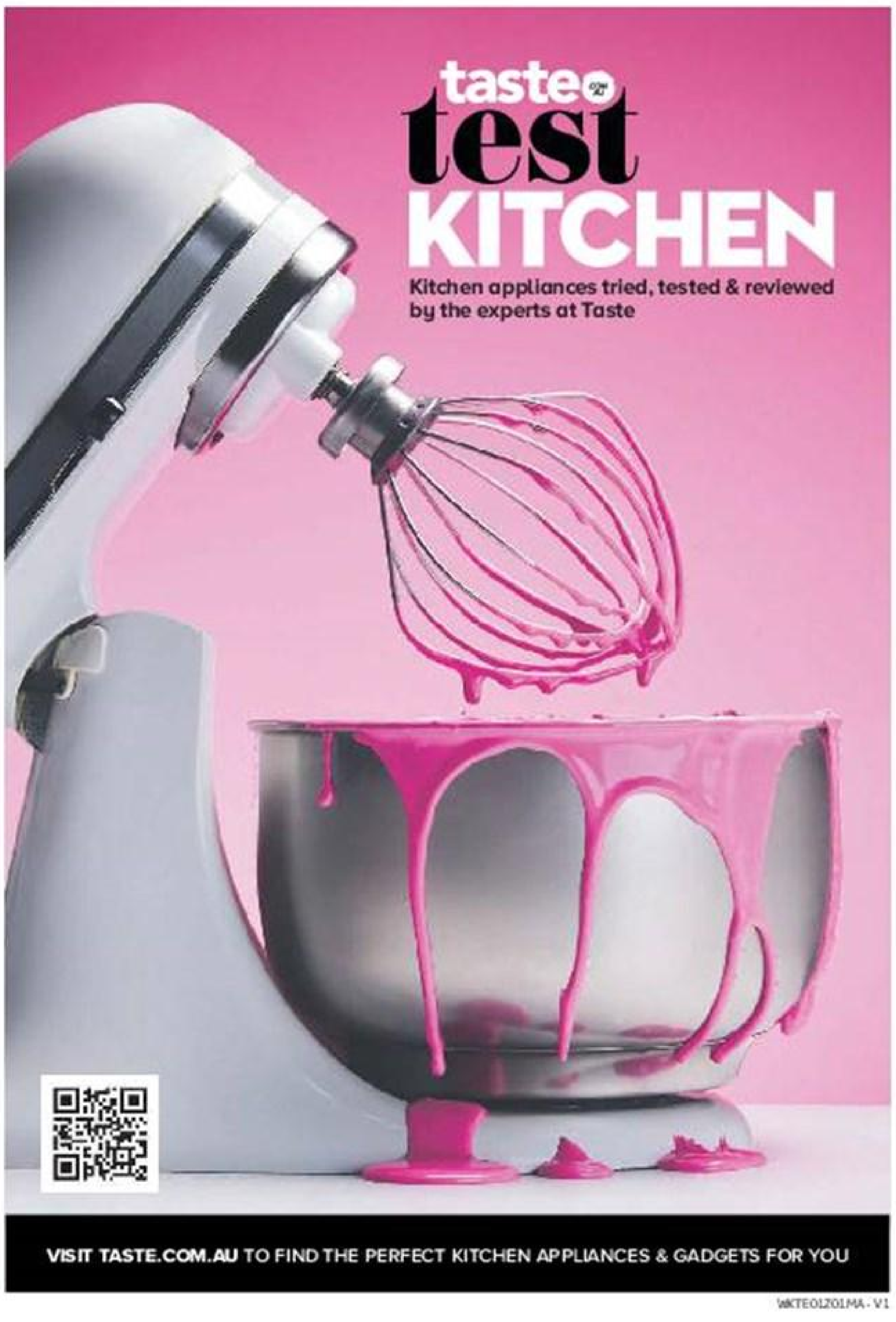
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MUNGA FARM

PROPERTY mixed farming
SIZE 520ha
SALE expressions of interest close January 18
PRICE about $7 million
AGENT PPHS Naracoorte
CONTACT
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COLIN TAYLOR

Tucked up against the Victorian border at Frances, in the southeast of South Australia, Munga Farm offers its next owner the opportunity to run an intensive cropping and grazing enterprise with both pivot and flood irrigation in place.

Cameron Merrett, with his family business partners, bought the property six years ago to add to their existing landholdings around the Serviceton area.

"We liked its suitability for grazing sheep when we wanted more room for cropping on our home blocks," Cameron said.

"Since then, we've added a new pivot and solar bore and done a bit on the fencing and shearing shed, but we're only selling now to consolidate our holdings closer to home."

This property, 39km north of Naracoorte, consists primarily of heavy black-grey clay loam soil flats, with the remaining 140ha comprising lighter sandy loam and rising country.

Most paddocks have had an annual application of 50-100kg per hectares of fertiliser, with cropped areas given single super and DAP.

Irrigation improvements include one 10-inch (250mm) equipped bore with pump for flood irrigation plus an eight-inch (200mm) bore with Cummins diesel motor and turbine pump, servicing a new 337m Renke aluminium pivot covering 50ha.

The seven-span pivot (included in the sale) delivers 200,000 litres an hour.

The property is licensed for an allocation of 486.9ML, while a new Grundfos solar pump supplies the stock watering system with back-up from six dams.

Munga Farm is suited to a variety of cereal and pulse grain production, with crops grown successfully in the past including Haifa, strawberry and balansa clover and clover hay.

The property has been running 1500 Merino and Merino White Suffolk ewes with 120-125 per cent lambing rates, aiming to sell lambs at export weights, while 30-50 dry cattle are traded when feed is available.

There are 19 paddocks in varying sizes, fenced to soil types, with plenty of tree cover for stock of mainly red gums, stringy barks and hill gums.

Working improvements include a six-stand shearing shed (power not connected) with attached sheep yards.

There is also an all-weather access track and pad, large hay or machinery shed, a 100mm-thick concrete pad for silos and a timber-framed, steel-clad weekender overlooking a dam.

CLEARING SALE
Saturday 13th January 2024 – Commencing @ 10.00am
24 Perry Street Euston via Robinvale
On Account of Rod Taylor (ex Auto-Pro Robinvale)
MOTOR CAR PARTS & ACCESSORIES (new-old stock), WORKSHOP TOOLS & EQUIPMENT, GARDENING AND CAMPING GEAR

Workshop Tools & Equipment: Opti turn TU2004V metal lathe, Kingchrome tap & dye set, Sher 12spd 22mm 1hp drill press, 8"double end bench grinder, wet/dry surface grinder & sharpener, assorted electric hand tools, Assorted drill bits and sets, battery & manual grease guns, steel workbench with vice, assorted sockets/spanners and tool kits, battery hand tools, Chiry Plasma cutter, elec air compressors, trolley jacks, Engine lifter, work benches and stands, assort air tools, peerless welder, 20tn hyd jack, set of vehicle wheel trolleys. Scout 150 diesel hot water pressure cleaner, 2.6kva petrol generator, 12mm drag chain, Kroll oil heater, portable air conditioner, 3x ford maverick rims and Tyres, 1x ford ranger rim and tyre, 4 ford ranger Tyres 70% tread. Sundry items too numerous to mention.
Gardening Equipment: 3.5hp B&S Reel mower, assorted wiper snipers working and suited for parts, Petrol Auger 4"-8", electric chain saws, 15hp petrol stationary motors and sundry items.
Motor Car Parts: Old new stock to suit Holden, Ford, Nissan, Toyota & Mitsubishi. Bearings, Clutch kits, filters, brake pads, leads, engine accessories, sundry parts too numerous to mention and much more.
Camping Gear: Tents, chairs and sundry items too numerous to mention.

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Wimmera Cropping Land
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- Pipeline water available. As new fencing

Expressions of Interest
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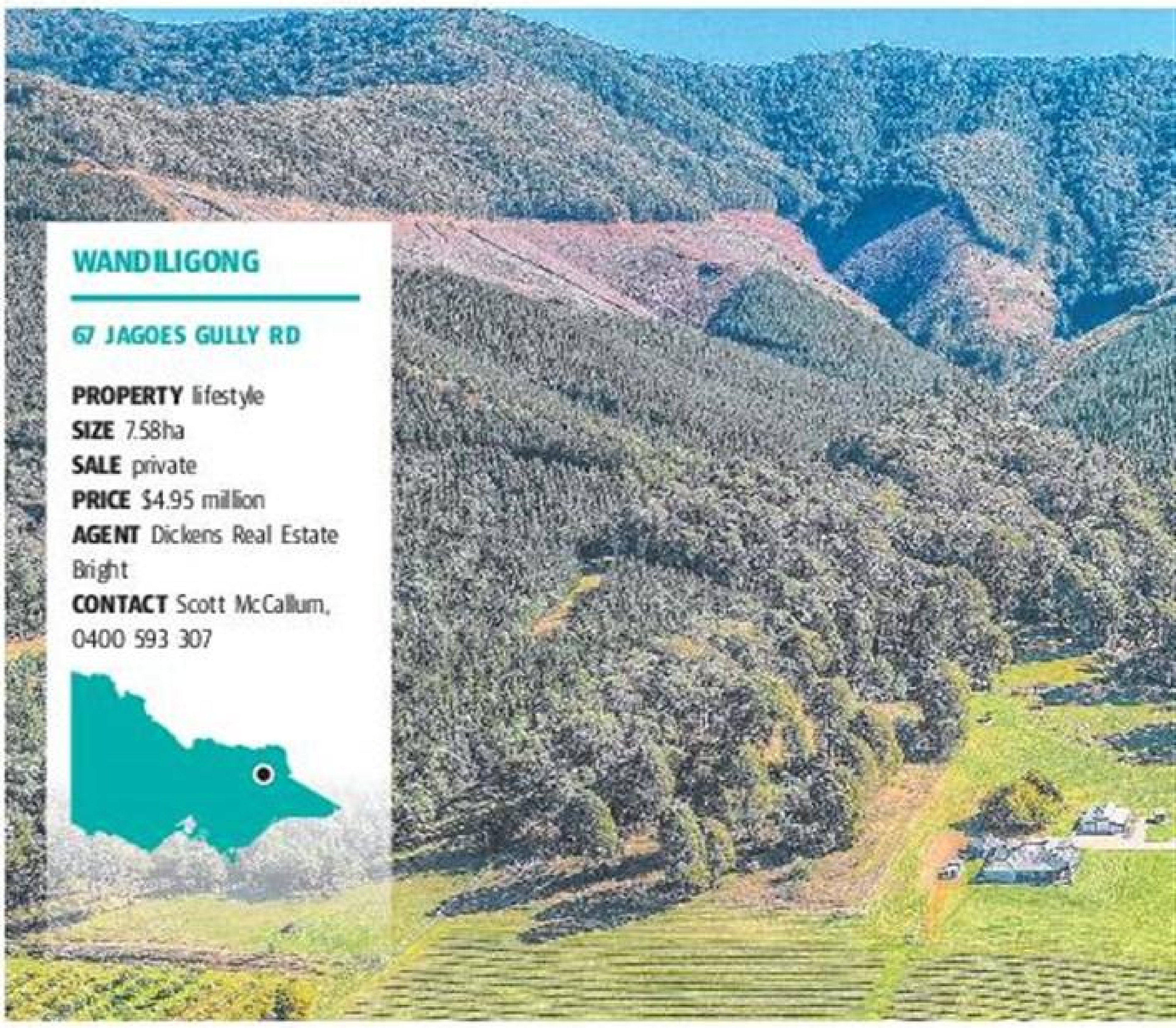
The three-bedroom house was built in 2019 and offers wonderful views.



WANDILIGONG

67 JAGOES GULLY RD

PROPERTY lifestyle
SIZE 7.58ha
SALE private
PRICE $4.95 million
AGENT Dickens Real Estate Bright
CONTACT Scott McCallum, 0400 593 307

Such a beauty, inside and out

SUE WALLACE

Brett Barrett always considered he had built his forever home in the heart of the picturesque Wandiligong countryside, but a desire to travel around Australia has led to a rethink.

The self-employed plumber, who grew up in Frankston, fell in love with the North East Victorian landscape and purchased the bare property about a decade ago.

"I was looking for some land and had seen lots of places, then this advertised and thought I would drive up and when I got here – I was blown away by the spectacular scenery.

"The photos didn't do it justice," he said.

Brett and Eurobin builder, Aran Brain, consulted on the design of the stunning split-level home, constructed in a valley and backing on to a Bright-Wandiligong State Forest.

"I never built this to sell, and it is the perfect house for me and my partner, but we decided to do some travelling and now is a good time to do it," Brett said.

"We see lots of wildlife including deer and kangaroos, but we have a deer-proof fence that keeps them out of the garden."

The three-bedroom house was built in 2019 and has huge, double-glazed windows, skylights, ducted heating and cooling while there are stunning timber floorboards throughout.

The loungeroom has a fireplace for cosy nights and the dining area offers wonderful views.

The kitchen comprises soft-closing cabinetry, a Miele dishwasher, microwave-convection oven, a 900mm Smeg gas cooktop with electric oven and a butler's pantry.

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- Utilised as a large-scale dryland cropping operation, suited to a range of broadacre agricultural pursuits including high yielding crops (wheat, barley, canola & chickpeas)
- Open & level land types offering economies of scale & operating efficiencies
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- Benefitted by productive soil types, majority of which are black self-mulching clays & brown clays which feature high moisture retention capabilities, coupled with an excellent climate & reliable rainfall (average annual rainfall of 464mm*), ideally suited to a low-input cropping operation
- An internal roadway system provides efficient access for the movement of machinery & heavy transport, along with Newell Highway frontage
- Structural improvements & operational infrastructure include extensive grain storage (8,498t*), 80t* weighbridge, machinery sheds, workshop, chemical storage shed & fill points, 1,400m* earthen airstrip, manager's residence & two additional dwellings, utilised for contractor accommodation
- Situated in the well-regarded South West Slopes region of New South Wales, one of Australia's premium cropping regions, between West Wyalong (27km*) & Forbes (70km*), north of Wagga Wagga (140km*) & west of Sydney (340km*)

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It was the spectacular scenery which convinced the current owner to build – the property is set on verdant surrounds and includes a powered barn shed, multiple water tanks and a small lavender farm.

The master bedroom has a large walk-in robe, ensuite, timber feature wall, and external entry.

The other two bedrooms are both generously sized with built-in robes and ceiling fans.

The office could also be converted to a fourth bedroom.

Outside there is a deck spa, entertainment area, and verdant surrounds.

There is also a huge rear paddock equipped with multiple water tanks and a powered barn shed with a large wood fire.

The property features new post and rail fencing, an electric gate and sits on a sprawling 13ML water licensed lot.

It is also equipped with a full sprinkler system around the house and shed roof.

There is also a small lavender plantation on the property which will be ready to harvest next year.

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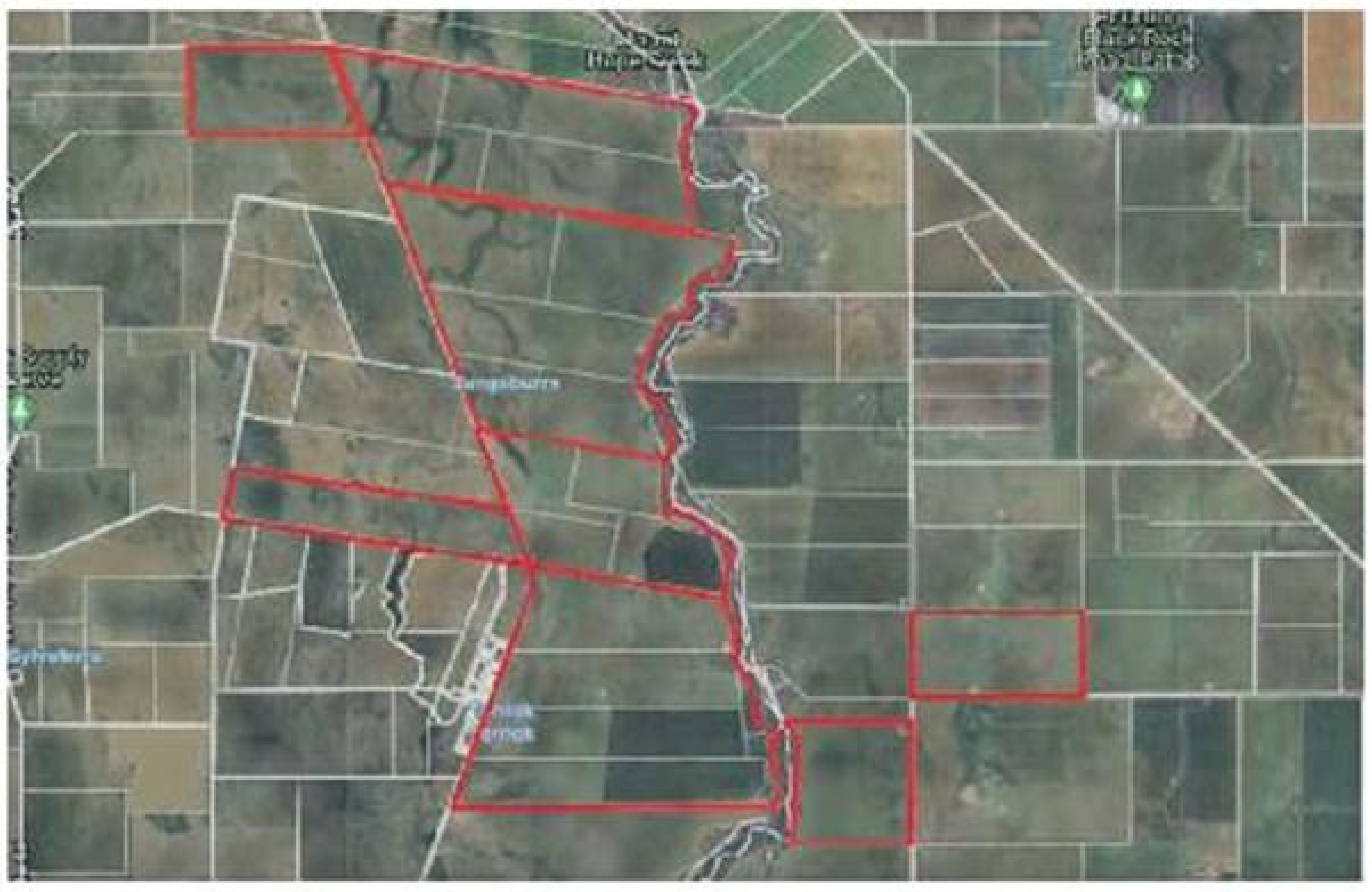

LOT 1: CLEE & SMITH

260.50 Hectares equalling 643.7 Acres
In 2 paddocks with water by 3 dams
Red loam soil to clay base, dry feed base. 100% arable

LOT 2: "FARRAHS"

535.6 Hectares equalling 1329 Acres
Access from 3 roads. In 4 paddocks, water from 6 dams
Small set cattle yards, pasture comprising dry land, lucerne and stubble. Partial fallow
98% Arable. Red to grey loam soil mix

LOT 3: "AMARANTS & SIBERA" INCLUDING HOUSE BLOCK

353.70 Hectares equalling 874 Acres
In 6 paddocks. Water by 7 dams. Red loam to grey loam mix with small quartz ruse.
Established dry land pasture Curtilage available on request
95% Arable

LOT 4: "SUTHERLANDS"

1061.1 Hectares equalling 2582.2 Acres
98% Arable, in 6 paddocks, water by 9 dams
Red loam soil to clay base, established dry pasture and lucerne

REMARKS:

Extensive local land holding in almost one parcel, fencing is sheep proof. Most of this parcel is over 98% arable with balance being shelter belts, all dams can be filled from the Bendigo creek. Pipeline water also available (not connected).

TERMS:

3 Year plus 2-year option
Tender to commence 1/3/2024
Payment ¼ in advance, working rights by request
Closes: 25/1/2024
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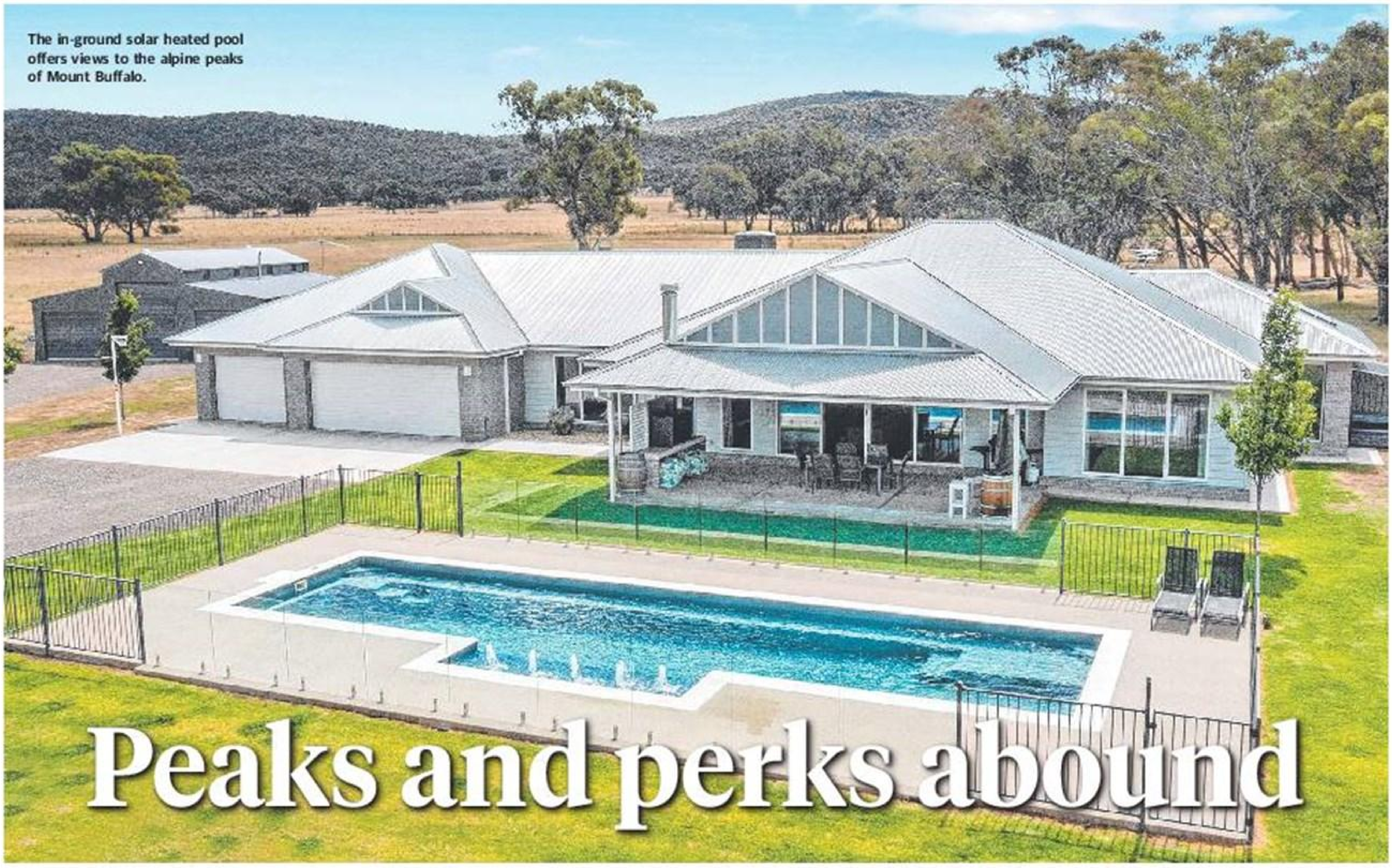

The in-ground solar heated pool offers views to the alpine peaks of Mount Buffalo.

Peaks and perks abound

SUE WALLACE

WANGARATTA SOUTH

141 WARBY RANGE RD

PROPERTY lifestyle
SIZE 43ha
SALE private
PRICE $2.65 million
AGENT Elders Real Estate Wangaratta
CONTACT
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Dave Colvin, 0407 500 239

A five-month road trip around Australia has proved to be the catalyst for Ricki and Brandon Ryan's decision to list their 43ha North East Victorian home for sale.

"We aren't sure where we will go and we absolutely love the property and house we built two years ago, but we have been inspired by the places we have travelled to," Ricki said.

"We will wait and see what happens.

"We say if we could pick up the property where we are now and move that would be ideal."

The Ryans and their three daughters spent years looking for a farm zoned property, close to Wangaratta with views of Mount Buffalo and big enough to run 40-50 cattle.

"My father is a builder and over the years I have lived in 30-40 properties.

"So we knew what we wanted — plenty of space and open living," Ricki said.

After purchasing the property, the Ryan's invested a lot of time planning the 54 sq m meticulously crafted modern brick residence.

Crafted by a local quality builder and completed in the last two years, it features a great four-bedroom layout with two bathrooms, including a stylish ensuite. The kitchen is described as a chef's delight, equipped with top-of-the-line modern appliances and a spacious open-plan layout with breathtaking regional views.

Inside the home there is a wide spacious entrance, kids' area, theatre room and undercover outdoor living area.

The 14m in-ground solar heated pool also offers views to the seasonally snow-capped alpine peaks of Mount Buffalo, which Ricki said she has greatly enjoyed.

With eco-friendliness in mind, the home has been constructed with double-glazed windows, solar hot water, wood heating and evaporative airconditioning for year-round comfort.

The property is currently divided into six paddocks with steel fencing and runs 40 head of cattle, but has the potential for various agricultural ventures.

Town water and bottled gas supply are used.

A large three-car garage now doubles as a gymnasium and there's a high-clearance steel-framed workshop and storage building.

Located at 1141 Warby Range Rd, Wangaratta, the property is just 6km from Wangaratta.

The spacious home has been built with eco-friendliness in mind.

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Your weekly television guide

FRIDAY JANUARY 12

ABC TV

6.00 Searching For Superhuman. (Final) (PG, R) **7.00** News. **9.30** News. **10.00** The Chemical World. (PG, R) **11.00** Fake Or Fortune? (R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Vera. (Mav, R) **2.30** Silent Witness. (PGa, R) **3.30** Tenable. (R) **4.15** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.15** Love Your Garden.

6.00 Back Roads: The Greengrocer, Queensland. (R)
6.30 Hard Quiz. Presented by Tom Gleeson. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Monty Don's American Gardens. Part 2 of 3. (R)
8.30 Midsomer Murders. Part 1 of 4. Barnaby investigates when a survivalist is found murdered in his bombproof shelter. (Mav, R)
10.00 Australia's Open. Part 1 of 2. (Ml, R)
10.55 Life. (Final) (Ml, R)
11.55 Love Your Garden. (R)
12.40 Tenable. (R)
1.30 Wakefield. (Mls, R)
2.30 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **5.00** Rage. (PG)

SEVEN

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** Movie: Darrow And Darrow: Body Of Evidence. (2018) (PGav, R) **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. (PG, R) **2.30** Surf Patrol. (R) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. (R)

6.00 Seven News.
Albury: *7News Border.*
6.30 Albury: *Seven News.*
7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 34. Sydney Sixers v Sydney Thunder. From the SCG.
11.00 Movie: Victor Frankenstein. (2015) Daniel Radcliffe, James McAvoy, Jessica Brown Findlay. A hunchback goes to work for a medical student. (Mah, R)
1.15 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 1. Hahndorf to Campbelltown. 93.9km. Highlights. From South Australia.
2.30 Home Shopping.
4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) **5.00** NBC Today.

NINE

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** Movie: Waiting For The Light. (1990) (PGal, R) **2.00** Pointless. (PG, R) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) **5.30** WIN News.

6.00 9News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 For The Love Of Pets. A ball of fluff needs a serious groom. (PGm)
8.30 Movie: My Sister's Keeper. (2009) Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin, Alec Baldwin. A young girl decides to sue her parents for medical emancipation to avoid donating a kidney to her dying sibling. (Mal, R)
10.45 Movie: Gifted. (2017) (Ml, R) **12.40** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **1.35** Pointless. (PG, R) **2.30** Destination WA. (R) **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Cross Court. (R) **4.30** Global Shop. (R) **5.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **5.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)

TEN

6.00 The Talk. (PGa) **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. (PG, R) **7.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (al, R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (PG, R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (Final) (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGal, R) **2.00** Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. (R) **3.00** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **4.00** Farm To Fork. **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.30 The Project.
7.30 The Graham Norton Show. Guests include Dominic West.
8.30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. Follows dog trainer Graeme Hall. (PGs, R)
9.30 Fire Country. A convict joins a firefighting program. (PGav, R)
10.30 So Help Me Todd. (PGa, R)
11.30 The Project. (R)
12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)
1.30 Home Shopping. (R)

SBS

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.00** Peer To Peer. (R) **10.00** Peer To Peer. (PG, R) **10.30** WorldWatch. **11.00** Tennis. Kooyong Classic. Day 3. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 6. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 The Scottish Island That Won The Lottery. Follows islanders who won the lottery. (PG)
8.25 The Mayfair Hotel Megabuild. Part 2 of 3. (R)
9.35 Sex: A Bonkers History: The Ancients. New Series. Explores the link between sex and civilisation.
10.35 SBS World News Late.
11.05 L'Opera. (Mlns)
12.10 Sisi. (MA15+s)
1.05 Sisi. (MA15+asv)
2.05 Sisi. (Final) (Masv) **3.05** Nine Perfect Strangers. (Mdlsv, R) **3.55** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

ABC TV PLUS

6.00 Children's Programs. **4.25** Reef School. **4.35** Bea's Block. **4.50** Do, Re & Mi. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.05** Brave Bunnies. **5.15** Supertato. **5.20** The Adventures Of Paddington. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Gardening Australia Junior. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Movie: Whiplash. (2014) **10.15** The Story Of Film: A New Generation. **11.35** Would I Lie To You? **12.10** QI. **12.40** Killing Eve. **1.25** Back. **1.50** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **3.25** ABC News Update. **3.30** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

7TWO

6.00 Home Shopping. **6.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** A Moveable Feast. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Harry's Practice. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** A Moveable Feast. **2.30** Sydney Weekender. **3.00** Animal SOS Australia. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.00** Escape To The Country. **6.00** Bargain Hunt. **7.00** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **10.30** Escape To The Perfect Town. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **2.30** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **3.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.00** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **5.30** Harry's Practice.

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6.00 Children's Programs. **8.30** Barbie: A Touch Of Magic. **9.00** Gigantosaurus. **9.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **10.00** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **10.30** Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. **11.00** Movie: Pokémon Ranger And The Temple Of The Sea. (2006) **1.00** Bewitched. **1.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** Transformers: Cyberverse. **5.40** Movie: Uptown Girls. (2003) **7.30** Movie: Crazy, Stupid, Love. (2011) **9.50** Movie: Horrible Bosses. (2011) **11.50** Dating No Filter. **12.20** Dating No Filter. **12.50** Under The Dome. **1.40** Love After Lockup. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Bakugan. **3.30** Beyblade Burst: Quad Drive. **4.00** Children's Programs.

10 BOLD

6.00 Home Shopping. **8.00** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 11. Western United v Melbourne City. Highlights. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **9.25** NCIS: Hawai'i. **10.20** NCIS: Los Angeles. **11.15** JAG. **12.15** Home Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

SBS VICELAND

6.00 WorldWatch. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** ABC America Nightline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** Front Up. **12.05** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.50** VICE World Of Sports. **3.20** BBC News At Ten. **3.50** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.15** PBS NewsHour. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Hoarders. **9.25** Sex Actually With Alice Levine. **10.20** Planet Sex With Cara Delevingne. **11.10** Miniseries: The Sister. **1.00** Sex Before The Internet. **1.55** Couples Therapy. **2.25** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

ABC ME

6.00 Children's Programs. **2.40** Supernoobs. **3.05** Hanazuki: Full Of Treasures. **3.15** Karma's World. **3.30** Dennis & Gnasher: Unleashed! **3.40** The Deep. **4.00** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **4.15** Bluey. **4.25** Odd Squad. **4.45** Little Lunch. **5.00** Planet Lulin. **5.25** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.50** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Spooky Files. **6.25** Welcome To Cardboard City. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Phoenix Rise. **8.40** Dragon Ball Super. **9.05** The Legend Of Korra. **9.50** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **11.15** Close.

7MATE

6.00 The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **10.00** Blokesworld. **10.30** American Pickers. **11.30** Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 1. **3.00** Timbersports. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Movie: Spider-Man 2. (2004) **10.10** Movie: Dracula Untold. (2014) **12.10** Pawn Stars. **1.10** American Pickers. **2.30** Sound FX: Best Of. **3.00** NFL. NFL. Week 18. Green Bay Packers v Chicago Bears. Replay.

9GEM

6.00 Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** World's Greatest Cities. **12.30** Tennis. Adelaide International. Day 5. Semi-finals. **6.30** M*A*S*H. **7.00** Tennis. Adelaide International. Night 5. Semi-finals. **11.00** Movie: Ronin. (1998) **1.30** Movie: Bad Boys. (1983) **3.30** My Favorite Martian. **4.00** Seaway. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 PEACH

6.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** The Neighborhood. **8.00** Becker. **9.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** The Neighborhood. **12.00** NBL Slam. **12.30** Becker. **1.30** The Middle. **2.30** Ghosts. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **7.30** The Big Bang Theory. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **9.30** Two And A Half Men. **10.00** Two And A Half Men. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** Two And A Half Men. **3.00** Two And A Half Men. **3.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **4.30** Late Programs.

ABC NEWS

6.00 The Cloud Under The Sea. **7.00** News Breakfast. **9.30** ABC News Mornings. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **2.00** ABC News Day. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** ABC Evening News. **8.00** Planet America: Fireside Chat. Series Return. **8.45** ABC News Tonight. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** India Now: Summer Special. **10.00** The World. **10.30** Foreign Correspondent. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.15** Planet America: Fireside Chat. **12.00** ABC Late News. **12.30** Outback Musical. **1.10** ABC Late News. **1.25** Late Programs.

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SATURDAY JANUARY 13

ABC TV

6.00 Rage. (PG) **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Rage. (PG) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Keeping Faith. (Mal, R) **1.30** Darby And Joan. (PGa, R) **2.15** Movie: Hook. (1991) Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman, Julia Roberts. (PG, R) **4.30** Grand Designs Transformations. (PG, R) **5.30** The Search For The Palace Letters. (PG, R)

6.30 Back Roads: Brunswick Heads, NSW. Heather Ewart visits Brunswick Heads, NSW. (PG, R)

7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.

7.30 Darby And Joan. Jack helps recover some stolen guns. (PG)

8.20 Vera. Part 4 of 4. The body of a missing teen is discovered buried on the moors by surveyors. (Ma, R)

9.50 The Capture. Carey closes in on the truth. (Mlv, R)

10.50 Parkinson In Australia. Presented by Michael Parkinson. (PG, R)

11.50 Rage. A celebration of the upcoming blink-182 tour. (MA15+adhlnsv)

5.00 Rage. (PG)

SEVEN

6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **12.00** Horse Racing. Gold Coast Magic Millions Raceday, January Cup Day and VRC Standish Handicap Race Day. **5.30** Border Security. (PG, R)

6.00 Seven News.

7.00 Border Patrol. Follows New Zealand border officials. (PG)

7.30 Movie: Grown Ups 2. (2013) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. After moving back to his home town with his family, a man and his friends learn some surprising lessons. (PGlnsv, R)

9.30 Movie: True Lies. (1994) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis, Tom Arnold. A secret agent's wife is caught up in his latest mission as he battles a terrorist group. (Mlsv, R)

12.30 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 2. Highlights.

1.30 12 Monkeys. (MA15+av, R) **2.30** Home Shopping. **4.00** Get Clever. (R) **5.00** My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R)

NINE

6.00 Hello SA. (PG, R) **6.30** ACA. (R) **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) **12.00** Destination WA. (R) **12.30** Mr Mayor. (PGs, R) **1.00** Bondi Vet. (PGm, R) **2.00** Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PGam, R) **3.00** Movie: H Is For Happiness. (2019) (PGal) **5.00** 9News First At Five. **5.30** Country House Hunters Australia. **6.00** 9News Saturday. **7.00** A Current Affair.

7.30 The Garden Hustle. (PG)

8.30 Movie: Muriel's Wedding. (1994) Toni Collette, Bill Hunter, Rachel Griffiths. A young woman, who dreams of marriage, leaves her small town to find romance in the big city. (Mls, R)

10.40 Movie: Crazy, Stupid, Love. (2011) (Mls, R) **12.50** 9Honey: He Said She Said. (PGa, R) **1.00** World's Greatest Cities. (PGa, R) **2.00** The Incredible Journey. (PGa) **2.30** Country House Hunters Australia. (R) **3.00** TV Shop. (R) **4.30** Global Shop. (R) **5.00** TV Shop. (R) **5.30** Helping Hands Summer Series. (PG)

TEN

6.00 What's Up Down Under. (R) **6.30** Leading The Way. **7.00** Reel Action. (R) **7.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **8.00** I Fish. (l, R) **8.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **9.00** Everyday Gourmet. (PG, R) **9.30** 10 Minute Kitchen. (R) **10.00** Australia By Design: Innovations. (PG, R) **10.30** Taste Of Aust. (R) **11.00** The Chef's Garden. (PGl, R) **11.30** All 4 Adventure. (PGl, R) **12.30** The Yes Experiment. **1.00** GCBC. (R) **1.30** Exploring Off The Grid. (R) **2.00** Healthy Homes. (R) **2.30** Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) **3.00** Roads Less Travelled. (R) **3.30** Everyday Gourmet. (PG, R) **4.00** My Market Kitchen. **4.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **5.00** News.

6.00 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. (R)

7.00 Bondi Rescue. (PGal, R)

7.30 Movie: Snake Eyes: G.I. Joe Origins. (2021) Henry Golding, Samara Weaving, Andrew Koji. A martial artist battles Cobra. (Malv)

10.00 Soccer. AFC Asian Cup. Group stage. Australia v India. From Ahmad bin Ali Stadium, Al Rayyan, Qatar.

1.00 Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** Authentic. (PG) **5.00** Hour Of Power.

SBS

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.00** Cook Up Bitesize. (Australia) (R) **9.05** The World From Above. (R) **10.05** Love Your Garden. (PG, R) **11.00** Rick Steves' Europe. (R) **11.30** Rick Steves' Europe. (PGavw, R) **12.00** WorldWatch. **1.00** Surf Life Saving. Iron Series Maroubra. Round 3. **3.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **3.05** Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys. (PG, R) **4.00** WorldWatch. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 6 Continued. Highlights. **6.00** Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers. (PG) **6.30** News. **7.30** Secrets Of Britain's Historic Houses & Gardens. (PGadw)

8.40 Spain's Atlantic Train.

9.30 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. (R)

10.25 Secrets Of The Royal Palaces. (PG, R) **11.15** Miniseries: Bonnie And Clyde. (Netherlands) (MA15+asv, R) **1.40** Movie: Fight Club. (1999) (MA15+ansv, R) **4.05** Going Places. (Australia) (PG, R) **4.35** Barnay. (Australia) (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight. (Philippines)

ABC TV PLUS

6.00 Children's Programs. **5.15** Supertato. **5.20** The Adventures Of Paddington. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Karma's World. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** QI. **8.30** Melbourne Comedy Festival Allstars Supershow. **9.35** Melbourne Comedy Festival Allstars Supershow. **10.35** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **10.55** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **11.20** Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. **12.05** State Of The Union. **12.30** MythBusters. **1.20** Portlandia. **2.05** Black Mirror. **3.00** ABC News Update. **3.05** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

7TWO

6.00 Home Shopping. **8.30** Travel Oz. **10.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **10.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **11.30** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **1.00** Escape To The Perfect Town. **2.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Extreme Animal Transport. **5.30** Horse Racing. Gold Coast Magic Millions Raceday, January Cup Day and VRC Standish Handicap Race Day. **6.30** The Yorkshire Vet In Autumn. **7.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **10.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **11.30** Carol Drinkwater's Secret Provence. **12.30** Last Chance Learners. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** Animal SOS Australia. **2.30** Creek To Coast. **3.00** Weekender. **3.30** Sydney Weekender. **4.00** Travel Oz. **5.30** Home Shopping.

9GO!

6.00 Children's Programs. **8.30** Spidey And His Amazing Friends. **9.00** Transformers: Prime. **9.30** Bakugan: Geogan Rising. **10.00** LEGO City Adventures. **10.30** LEGO Jurassic World. **11.00** Earth Science Investigators. **11.30** Pokémon. **12.00** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **12.30** Beyblade Burst Surge. **1.00** Teen Titans Go! **1.30** Transformers: Cyberverse. **1.40** Movie: Maya The Bee 3: The Golden Orb. (2021) **3.20** Movie: The Black Stallion Returns. (1983) **5.20** Movie: Step Up. (2006) **7.30** Movie: Knight And Day. (2010) **9.45** Movie: Horrible Bosses 2. (2014) **12.00** Medium. **2.00** FIA World Endurance Championship: End Of Season Review. **3.00** Teen Titans Go! **3.30** Beyblade Burst Surge. **4.00** Children's Programs.

10 BOLD

6.00 Home Shopping. **9.00** Exploring Off The Grid. **9.30** Diagnosis Murder. **10.30** All 4 Adventure. **11.30** Diagnosis Murder. **12.30** Luxury Escapes. **1.00** Jake And The Fatman. **2.00** Reel Action. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 12. Central Coast Mariners v Melbourne Victory. **7.30** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 12. Adelaide United v Sydney FC. **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles. **12.00** NCIS: Hawai'i. **1.00** FBI: International. **2.00** Evil. **3.00** A Million Little Things. **4.00** Dr Phil. **5.00** Home Shopping.

SBS VICELAND

6.00 TRT World Newshour. **6.50** Indian Country Today News. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** ABC America Nightline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** Front Up. **10.30** Front Up. **11.00** Front Up. **12.00** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.30** The Tailings. **2.45** BBC News At Ten. **3.15** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **3.45** PBS NewsHour. **4.45** Asia's Next Top Model. **5.45** Australia In Colour. **6.40** The Toys That Built The World. **7.30** Building The Ultimate. **8.30** Icons Unearthed: James Bond. New Series. **10.20** Letterkenny. **11.20** Fear The Walking Dead. **1.10** The X-Files. **3.00** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

ABC ME

6.00 Children's Programs. **1.35** The Dengineers. **2.05** Horrible Histories. **2.35** Operation Ouch! **3.05** Operation Ouch! **3.35** Odd Squad. **3.55** Planet Lulin. **4.20** Bluey. **4.30** Mystery Lane. **4.55** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.15** Total Drama Island. **5.40** 100 Things To Do Before High School. **6.05** The Next Step. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** The Penguins Of Madagascar. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Jade Armor. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.10** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **11.15** Close.

7MATE

6.00 The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Step Outside With Paul Burt. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Pawn Stars. **11.30** Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 2. **3.30** Blokesworld. **4.00** Supercar Customiser: Yianni. **5.00** Storage Wars: Miami. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Storage Wars. **7.30** Air Crash Investigations: The Accident Files. **8.30** Disasters At Sea. **9.30** Mighty Trains. **11.30** Building Giants. **12.30** Storage Wars. **1.30** Storage Wars: Miami. **2.00** Late Programs.

9GEM

6.00 Thunderbirds. **6.30** Adventures In Rainbow Country. **7.00** Leading The Way. **7.30** Gideon's Way. **8.30** Tomorrow's World. **9.00** Turning Point With Dr David Jeremiah. **9.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.00** Helping Hands. **10.30** My Favorite Martian. **11.00** To Be Advised. **2.30** Tennis. Adelaide International. Day 6. Finals. **6.00** Tennis. Adelaide International. Night 6. Finals. **9.00** To Be Advised. **3.30** My Favorite Martian. **4.00** Seaway. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 PEACH

6.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** NBL Slam. **7.30** Becker. **8.30** Frasier. **9.00** Neighbours. **11.00** Farm To Fork. **11.30** Frasier. **12.00** Ghosts. **2.00** Movie: Missing Link. (2019) **4.00** Becker. **5.00** The Middle. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.30** Friends. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** South Park. **3.30** Just For Laughs Montreal. **4.30** Home Shopping.

ABC NEWS

6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** News. **12.30** ABC News Regional Roundup. **1.00** ABC News. **1.30** Kitchen Cabinet. **2.00** ABC News. **2.15** Planet America: Fireside Chat. **3.00** ABC News. **3.30** India Now: Summer Special. **4.00** Bradman And Tendulkar. **5.00** ABC News. **5.30** The Pacific. **6.00** Evening News. **6.15** Planet America: Fireside Chat. **7.00** National News. **7.30** Back Roads. **8.00** News Tonight. **8.30** Aust Story. **9.00** Nightly News. **9.30** China Tonight: Summer Special. **10.00** Late News Weekend. **10.30** ABC News Regional Roundup. **11.00** News. **11.30** Four Corners. **12.15** Late Programs.

SUNDAY JANUARY 14

ABC TV

6.00 Rage. (PG) **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Pilgrimage: The Road To Rome. (PG, R) **10.00** How Deadly World. (PG, R) **10.30** You Can't Ask That. (PG, R) **11.00** Compass. (PG, R) **11.30** Praise. (R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Landline Summer. (R) **1.00** New Leash On Life. (R) **1.30** Gardening Aust. (R) **2.30** Dream Gardens. (PG, R) **3.00** Nigella Bites. (R) **3.25** Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.55** Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific. (PG, R) **4.40** Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R) **5.30** The ABC Of. (PG, R)

6.00 Grand Designs Transformations. (PG, R)

7.00 ABC News.

7.30 Muster Dogs. (PG)

8.30 Total Control. Series Return. Two years have passed since Paul became PM. (MA15+l)

9.30 Miniseries: Best Interests. Part 1 of 4. (Mdl)

10.30 Mystery Road. (Mdlv, R)

11.25 Harrow. (Mav, R)

12.20 The Trial Of Christine Keeler. (Malsv, R) **1.20** Rage Vault. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.10** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.00** Pilgrimage: The Road To Rome. (PG, R)

SEVEN

6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **12.00** Movie: Keeping Up With The Joneses. (2016) (PGlsv, R) **2.00** Dog Patrol. (PGa, R) **2.30** Border Patrol. (PG, R) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Better Homes And Gardens. (R) **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R)

6.00 Seven News.

7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 37. Sydney Thunder v Adelaide Strikers. From Manuka Oval, Canberra.

11.00 7NEWS Spotlight. An investigation into a religious cult recruiting, brainwashing and grooming Australian girls. (R)

12.00 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 3. Highlights. Adelaide to Willung Hill. 93.4km. From Adelaide.

1.00 Bates Motel. Norma finds herself in a position of power. (Mav, R)

2.00 Home Shopping.

3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R)

4.00 NBC Today.

5.00 Seven Early News.

5.30 Sunrise.

NINE

6.00 Fishing Aust. (R) **6.30** ACA. (R) **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **11.00** Australian Open. Day 1. **4.00** Australian Open. Afternoon 1.

6.00 9News Sunday.

7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 1. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.

11.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Late-night 1. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.

12.00 New Amsterdam. Reynolds receives a dramatic offer. Max scours the hospital after he misplaces his wedding ring. (Mamv, R)

1.00 Family Law. Abby sets out to get justice for a widow. (Mas, R)

2.00 #TextMeWhenYouGetHome: Kenia Monge. Investigates cases of women harmed while out alone. (MA15+av, R)

3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)

4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. Religious program. (PGa)

4.30 GolfBarons. A panel of experts discusses golf. (PG, R)

5.00 9News Early.

5.30 Today.

TEN

6.00 Mass. **6.30** Key Of David. (PGa) **7.00** Leading The Way. (PGa, R) **7.30** Tomorrow's World. (PGa, R) **8.00** Everyday Gourmet. (PG, R) **8.30** Freshly Picked. (R) **9.00** Taste Of Aust. (R) **9.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **10.00** Charming China. (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **11.00** What's Up Down Under. (PGa, R) **12.00** 4x4 Adventures. (R) **1.00** Hungry. (R) **1.30** Destination Dessert. (R) **2.00** Cook With Luke. (R) **2.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **3.00** GCBC. (R) **3.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **4.00** All 4 Adventure. (PGl) **5.00** News.

6.00 Bondi Rescue. (PG, R)

6.30 The Sunday Project. Series Return. A look at the day's news.

7.30 Movie: Top Gun: Maverick. (2022) Tom Cruise, Miles Teller, Jennifer Connelly. An aviator trains a detachment of Top Gun graduates for a mission while confronting the ghosts of his past. (Mlv)

10.05 Movie: Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation. (2015) Tom Cruise, Rebecca Ferguson, Simon Pegg. A secret agent battles a rogue organisation. (Mv, R)

12.40 The Sunday Project. (R) **1.30** Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** CBS Mornings.

SBS

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.00** Cook Up Bitesize. (Australia) (R) **9.05** The World From Above. (PG, R) **10.05** Love Your Garden. (PG, R) **11.00** Rick Steves' Europe. (R) **12.00** WorldWatch. **12.30** PBS Washington Week With The Atlantic. **12.55** Nippers. (Australia) (R) **1.00** Surf Life Saving. Iron Series Maroubra. Round 4. **3.00** Cycling. National Road Championships. Women's Elite Road Race. Highlights. **4.00** Cycling. National Road Championships. Men's Elite Road Race. Highlights. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stages 1 to 6. Highlights. **6.00** Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** Asia's Ancient Civilisations. (PG)

8.25 Asia's Ancient Civilisations. (PG)

9.20 Tutankhamun: Secrets Of The Toxic Tomb. (PG, R)

10.15 Race For The Sky. (France) (PGa, R) **11.15** Hemingway. (Ma, R) **1.15** 24 Hours In Police Custody. (MA15+l, R) **2.10** 24 Hours In Police Custody. (Mal, R) **3.05** Child Genius Australia. (R) **4.05** Going Places. (Australia) (R) **4.35** Barnay. (Australia) (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** Al Jazeera. (Qatar)

ABC TV PLUS

6.00 Children's Programs. **2.50** Peter Rabbit. **3.05** Ready, Jet, Go! **3.15** Pablo. **3.30** Play School: Down On The Farm. **4.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **4.20** Andy And The Band. **4.35** Little J And Big Cuz. **4.50** Do, Re & Mi. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.05** Octonauts And The Ring Of Fire. **6.15** Kiri And Lou. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Karma's World. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** QI. **8.30** Louis Theroux: A Place For Paedophiles. **9.30** You Can't Ask That. **9.50** Interview With The Vampire. **10.55** Doc Martin. **11.45** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **12.25** Miniseries: The Hollow Crown. **2.20** ABC News Update. **2.25** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

7TWO

6.00 My Greek Odyssey. **7.00** Tomorrow's World. **7.30** Leading The Way. **8.00** David Jeremiah. **8.30** Home Shopping. **9.00** Escape To The Country. **11.00** Extreme Animal Transport. **11.30** Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Women's. Stage 3. **3.00** The Yorkshire Vet In Autumn. **4.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **5.00** I Escaped To The Country. **6.00** Escape To The Country. **7.00** The Vicar Of Dibley. **8.30** Call The Midwife. **10.30** Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railways. **11.30** I Escaped To The Country. **12.30** Last Chance Learners. **1.00** Call The Midwife. **3.00** Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railways. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** Lifestyle Magazine. **5.30** James Robison.

9GO!

6.00 Children's Programs. **8.30** The Tom And Jerry Show. **9.00** Bakugan: Geogan Rising. **9.30** Transformers Bumblebee: Cyberverse Adventures. **10.00** Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. **10.30** Pokémon Master Journeys. **11.00** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **11.30** LEGO Friends: Girls On A Mission. **12.00** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **12.30** Power Players. **1.00** Teen Titans Go! **1.30** Rich House, Poor House. **2.30** Movie: Problem Child. (1990) **4.05** Movie: Mr Mom. (1983) **6.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 1. **7.00** Movie: Jurassic Park. (1993) **9.30** Movie: The Lost World: Jurassic Park. (1997) **12.00** Medium. **2.00** Rich House, Poor House. **3.00** Teen Titans Go! **3.30** Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. **4.00** Children's Programs.

10 BOLD

6.00 Home Shopping. **7.30** Key Of David. **8.00** The Offroad Adventure Show. **9.00** All 4 Adventure. **10.00** Escape Fishing With ET. **11.00** Dr Phil. **12.00** A Million Little Things. **1.00** On The Fly. **1.30** Taste Of Australia: BBQ. **2.00** iFish. **2.30** What's Up Down Under. **3.30** JAG. **4.30** Soccer. A-League Women. Unite Round. Western United v Sydney FC. **7.00** JAG. **8.00** NCIS. **10.50** NCIS: Los Angeles. **11.45** SEAL Team. **12.45** NCIS: Hawai'i. **1.45** Evil. **2.45** 48 Hours. **3.45** iFish. **4.00** JAG.

SBS VICELAND

6.00 WorldWatch. **7.20** FBC News. **7.50** France 24 Feature. **8.10** ABC America Nightline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.00** Front Up. **12.00** Patriot Brains. **12.55** Speedweek. **2.55** Jungletown. **3.45** PBS Washington Week With The Atlantic. **4.15** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.45** Every Family Has A Secret. **5.50** Alone Sweden. **6.40** The Buildings That Fought Hitler. **7.35** Abandoned Engineering. **8.30** Billy Connolly: Great American Trail. **9.25** Cracking The Code. **10.25** The Gentle Art Of Swedish Death Cleaning. **11.20** Witch Hunt. **12.15** Witch Hunt. **1.10** Hamilton's Pharmacopeia. **2.00** Tales From The Territories. **2.55** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

ABC ME

6.00 Children's Programs. **2.15** Horrible Histories. **2.40** Operation Ouch! **3.10** Operation Ouch! **3.25** Gardening Australia Junior. **3.35** Odd Squad. **4.00** Planet Lulin. **4.25** Bluey. **4.30** Mystery Lane. **4.55** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.15** Total Drama Island. **5.40** 100 Things To Do Before High School. **6.05** The Next Step. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** The Penguins Of Madagascar. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Jade Armor. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.10** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.10** Rage. **11.15** Close.

7MATE

6.00 The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** Sound FX: Best Of. **8.30** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 1. **12.00** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 2. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** Pawn Stars. **5.00** Storage Wars: New York. **6.00** Border Security: International. **7.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **8.30** Movie: The Patriot. (2000) **11.45** Movie: Alex Cross. (2012) **1.50** Blokesworld. **2.30** Border Security: International. **3.30** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **4.30** Sound FX: Best Of. **5.00** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 3.

9GEM

6.00 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **6.30** Amazing Facts Presents. **7.00** Leading The Way. **7.30** In Touch Ministries. **8.00** Beyond Today. **8.30** The Incredible Journey Presents. **9.00** Turning Point With Dr David Jeremiah. **9.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.00** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **11.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Day 1. **6.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Night 1. **11.00** Madam Secretary. **12.00** Manifest. **1.00** Movie: Tender Mercies. (1983) **3.00** M*A*S*H. **3.30** Seaway. **4.30** My Favorite Martian. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 PEACH

6.00 The Middle. **9.00** Movie: Fireheart. (2022) **11.00** Friends. **12.00** The Neighborhood. **2.00** Basketball. **4.00** Basketball. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.05** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **9.30** South Park. **11.00** Friends. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** Just For Laughs Montreal. **2.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **4.30** Home Shopping.

ABC NEWS

6.00 Morning Programs. **11.30** Landline: Asia Pacific Specials. **12.00** News. **12.30** The Business. **1.00** ABC News. **1.30** Project Wild. **2.00** ABC News. **2.25** Aust Story. **3.00** ABC News. **3.30** One Plus One. **4.00** ABC News. **4.30** ABC News Regional Roundup. **5.00** ABC News. **5.30** The Business: Summer Special. **6.00** Evening News. **6.30** Movin' To The Country. **7.00** National News. **7.30** India Now: Summer Special. **8.00** News Tonight. **8.30** Aust Story. **9.00** Nightly News. **9.30** Back Roads. **10.00** Late News Weekend. **10.30** Compass. **11.00** News. **11.30** Four Corners. **12.15** Late Programs.

Your weekly television guide

MONDAY JANUARY 15

ABC TV

6.00 News. **9.00** News. **10.00** Movin' To The Country. (R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Vera. (Ma, R) **2.30** Back Roads. (R) **3.00** Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.25** Tenable. (R) **4.15** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.15** Love Your Garden.

6.00 **Back Roads: Lightning Ridge, NSW.** (R)
6.30 **Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)
7.00 **ABC News.**
7.30 **7.30.** Presented by Laura Tingle.
8.00 **Revenge: Our Dad The Nazi Killer.** Part 1 of 2. (Ma)
9.00 **You Can't Ask That: Former Cult Members.** Former cult members share their stories. (Mal, R)
9.35 **Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids.** Louis Theroux meets transgender kids. (Man, R)
10.35 **ABC Late News.**
10.50 **War On Waste.** (PG, R)
11.55 **Changing Ends.** (PG, R)
12.15 **Love Your Garden.** (R)

1.05 Tenable. (R) **1.50** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.40** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SEVEN

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** News. **12.00** Movie: You're Bacon Me Crazy. (2020) (PGa) **2.00** Border Security: Int. (PG, R) **2.30** Surf Patrol. (R) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia.

6.00 **Seven News.** *Albury: 7News Border.*
6.30 ***Albury:** Seven News.*
7.00 **Home And Away.** (PGa)
7.35 **Cricket.** Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. From the MCG.
11.00 **Motorway Patrol.** A motorist is running out of petrol. (PGal)
11.30 **Highway Cops.** A dog lives up to its name. (Ma)
12.00 **Bates Motel.** Emma and Dylan bond. (Mav, R)
1.00 **Bates Motel.** (Mv, R)
2.00 **Home Shopping.**
4.00 **NBC Today.**

5.00 Seven Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

NINE

6.00 Today. **10.00** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **11.00** Australian Open. Day 2. **4.00** Australian Open. Afternoon 2.

6.00 **9News.**
7.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
11.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Late-night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
12.00 **New Amsterdam.** Bloom, Iggy and Reynolds rally around Max as he deals with the fallout from Helen's decision. (Mam, R)
1.00 **Family Law.** Abby and Daniel represent a trans teen. (Ma, R)
2.00 **Destination Australia: Rottnest Island.** Presented by Jo Beth Taylor and Scherri-Lee Biggs. (R)
2.30 **GlobalShop.** Home shopping. (R)
3.00 **TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R)
4.00 **Believer's Voice Of Victory.** (PGa)
4.30 **Explore TV: Norfolk Island.** (R)
5.00 **9News Early.**
5.30 **Today.**

TEN

6.00 The Talk. Series Return. (PGa) **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. (PG, R) **7.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** GCBC. (R) **9.00** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.30** Bold. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGls, R) **2.00** Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. (R) **3.00** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.30 **The Project.** A look at the day's news.
7.30 **Gladiators.** New Series. Everyday Aussie challengers take on the gladiators in a series of iconic events, as well as brand-new challenges. (PGv)
8.55 **FBI: Most Wanted.** The team pursues the suspects responsible for an explosion at an Ohio energy plant. (Mav, R)
10.55 **The Project.** (R)

11.55 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **1.00** Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** CBS Mornings.

SBS

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.00** Destination Flavour. (R) **9.10** Cook Up Bitesize. (Australia) (R) **9.15** World's Most Secret Homes. (PG, R) **10.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (R) **11.00** Vienna: Empire, Dynasty And Dream. (PGa, R) **12.10** WorldWatch. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **2.05** Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (Mav, R) **3.00** Mastermind Aust. (Australia) (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (Australia) (R) **4.00** The Supervet. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 7. Highlights. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. (Australia) (R) **6.30** SBS World News.

7.30 **Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends.** (PGa)
8.25 **Isle Of Wight: Jewel Of The South.**
9.20 **The Secret Life Of Lighthouses: Muckle Flugga.** (PG, R)

10.15 SBS World News Late. **10.45** Blanca. (Italy) (MA15+a) **11.45** Reyka. (South Africa) (MA15+av, R) **3.40** Going Places. (R) **4.40** Barnay. (Australia) (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight. (Philippines)

ABC TV PLUS

6.00 Children's Programs. **5.15** Supertato. **5.20** The Adventures Of Paddington. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** MythBusters. **9.20** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **10.55** Louis Theroux's LA Stories. (Final) **11.55** Would I Lie To You? **12.30** QI. **1.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **1.20** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **1.45** Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. (Final) **2.30** The Story Of Film: A New Generation. **3.50** ABC News Update. **3.55** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

7TWO

6.00 Home Shopping. **6.30** Last Chance Learners. **7.00** Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railways. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Animal SOS Australia. **9.30** NBC Today. **10.30** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **12.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** I Escaped To The Country. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.30** Last Chance Learners. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Doc Martin. **8.30** Endeavour. **10.30** Fortitude. **11.30** Doc Martin. **12.30** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **1.00** Endeavour. **3.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** It Is Written. **5.30** James Robison.

9GO!

6.00 Children's Programs. **9.00** Gigantosaurus. **9.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **10.00** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **10.30** Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. **11.00** Movie: Pokémon: The Rise Of Darkrai. (2007) **12.45** Transformers: Cyberverse. **1.00** Rich House, Poor House. **2.00** Bewitched. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Kenan. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** WIN News. **6.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 2. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30** Movie: Assault On Precinct 13. (2005) **10.35** Seinfeld. **11.35** The Emily Atack Show. **12.15** Under The Dome. **1.10** Love After Lockup. **2.00** I Dream Of Jeannie. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Bakugan. **3.30** Beyblade Burst: Quad Drive. **4.00** Children's Programs.

10 BOLD

6.00 Home Shopping. **8.00** Luxury Escapes. **8.30** All 4 Adventure. **9.30** Reel Action. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **10.20** NCIS: Los Angeles. **12.15** Home Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

SBS VICELAND

6.00 WorldWatch. **6.30** France 24 Feature. **6.50** DW English News. **7.20** FBC News. **7.35** DW Global 3000. **8.10** APAC Weekly. **8.40** France 24 English News. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.00** Front Up. **12.05** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.15** Planet A. **3.05** Most Expensivest. **3.35** BBC News At Ten. **3.55** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.20** ABC America This Week. **5.15** PBS News Weekend. **5.45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** NITV News Update. **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Taskmaster. **9.25** Two Weeks To Live. **10.25** Scrubs. **11.25** Hoarders. **1.05** The Devil You Know. **1.55** Shrill. **2.25** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

ABC ME

6.00 Children's Programs. **3.25** Dennis & Gnasher: Unleashed! **3.40** The Deep. **4.00** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **4.15** Bluey. **4.20** Odd Squad. **4.45** Little Lunch. **5.00** Popularity Papers. New Series. **5.25** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.45** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Spooky Files. **6.25** Welcome To Cardboard City. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** The Penguins Of Madagascar. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Jade Armor. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.10** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.10** Rage. **11.15** Close.

7MATE

6.00 NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 3. Continued. **8.30** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 4. **12.00** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 5. **3.30** Armchair Experts: NFL Edition. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. **7.35** Outback Opal Hunters. **8.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **10.30** Ax Men. **12.30** Storage Wars. **1.00** American Restoration. **1.30** Pawn Stars. **2.00** American Pickers. **3.00** Ax Men. **5.00** Jade Fever. **5.30** Jade Fever.

9GEM

6.00 Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **9.30** Newstyle Direct. **10.00** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **11.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2. **6.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. **11.00** Death In Paradise. **12.00** Madam Secretary. **1.00** Manifest. **2.00** Gideon's Way. **3.00** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **3.30** Seaway. **4.30** My Favorite Martian. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 PEACH

6.00 The Big Bang Theory. **10.30** Friends. **1.00** Two And A Half Men. **1.30** Ghosts. **3.30** The King Of Queens. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **9.30** Two And A Half Men. **10.00** Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** South Park. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **4.30** Home Shopping.

ABC NEWS

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **2.00** ABC News Day. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** ABC Evening News. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.30** Australian Story. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.25** Foreign Correspondent. **10.00** The World. **10.30** 7.30. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.30** The Business. **12.00** ABC Late News. **12.30** Australian Story. **1.00** ABC Late News. **1.15** 7.30. **1.45** Camel Capers. **2.00** DW News. **2.15** ABC Late News. **2.25** Foreign Correspondent. **3.00** DW News. **3.30** Late Programs.

TUESDAY JANUARY 16

ABC TV

6.00 News. **9.00** News. **10.00** Ask The Doctor. (PG, R) **10.30** One Plus One. (R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Call The Midwife. (PGa, R) **2.00** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) **2.30** Back Roads. (R) **3.00** Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.25** Tenable. (R) **4.10** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.10** Love Your Garden. **6.00** Back Roads. (R)

6.30 **Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)
7.00 **ABC News.**
7.30 **7.30.**
8.00 **Back Roads: Naracoorte, South Australia.**
8.30 **McCartney 3, 2, 1: These Things Bring You Together.** New Series. Paul McCartney chats with Rick Rubin. (PG)
9.05 **McCartney 3, 2, 1: The Notes That Like Each Other.** Paul McCartney continues his chat. (PG)
9.35 **Knowing The Score.** A look at conductor Simone Young. (PG, R)

10.35 ABC Late News. **10.50** Revenge: Our Dad The Nazi Killer. (Ma, R) **11.55** Baby Surgeons. (Ma, R) **12.40** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.30** Tenable. (R) **2.15** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.40** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SEVEN

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** News. **12.00** Movie: Love At Sky Gardens. (2021) (PGa) **2.00** Motorbike Cops. (PGl, R) **2.30** Coastwatch Oz. (PG, R) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia.

6.00 **Seven News.** *Albury: 7News Border.*
6.30 ***Albury:** Seven News.*
7.00 **Home And Away.** (PGa)
7.35 **Cricket.** Big Bash League. Game 39. Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers. From Optus Stadium, Perth.
11.30 **Ambulance: Code Red.** Follows the work of an ambulance service, giving an insight into the life and death incidents they face. (Mad, R)
12.30 **Cycling.** Santos Tour Down Under. Men's. Stage 1. Highlights. Tanunda to Tanunda. 144km. From South Australia.
1.30 **Travel Oz.** (R)
2.00 **Home Shopping.**
4.00 **NBC Today.**
5.00 **Seven Early News.**
5.30 **Sunrise.**

NINE

6.00 Today. **10.00** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **11.00** Australian Open. Day 3. **4.00** Australian Open. Afternoon 3.

6.00 **9News.**
7.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Night 3. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
11.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Late-night 3. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
12.00 **New Amsterdam.** Wilder struggles with a patient's decision to refuse life-saving surgery. Iggy tries online dating. (Mam, R)
1.00 **Family Law.** A divorcée needs help. (Ma, R)
2.00 **#TextMeWhenYouGetHome: Hannah Anderson.** A look at the case of Hannah Anderson. (Mav, R)
3.00 **TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R)
4.00 **Believer's Voice Of Victory.** Religious program. (PGa)
4.30 **Explore TV: Norfolk Island.** Part 2 of 4. (PG, R)
5.00 **9News Early.**
5.30 **Today.**

TEN

6.00 The Talk. (PGa) **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. (PG, R) **7.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (PGa, R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGal, R) **2.00** To Be Advised. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.30 **The Project.** A look at the day's news.
7.30 **Gladiators.** Four firefighters take on the gladiators in a series of knockout events for a spot in the quarter-finals. (PGv)
8.50 **NCIS.** The NCIS team investigates a US Navy lieutenant who is accused of trying to murder her husband. (Mv, R)
9.50 **NCIS: Los Angeles.** Sam's friend Tom Olsen finds himself being hunted down by enemies from his past. (Mv, R)
10.50 **The Project.** (R)

11.50 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **1.00** Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** CBS Mornings.

SBS

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.00** Cook Up Bitesize. (Australia) (R) **9.05** World's Most Secret Homes. (R) **10.00** Paddington Station 24/7. (PG, R) **10.50** Vienna: Empire, Dynasty And Dream. (PGas, R) **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **2.10** Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (Ma, R) **3.00** Mastermind Aust. (Australia) (R) **3.30** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (Australia) (R) **4.05** The Supervet. (PGa) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 8. Highlights. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. (Australia) (R) **6.30** SBS World News.

7.30 **Who Do You Think You Are?** (PGa, R)
8.35 **Michael Palin In North Korea.** (R)
9.25 **Brian Cox: How The Other Half Live.** (Ml, R)

10.20 SBS World News Late. **10.50** Das Boot. (Germany) (MA15+a) **11.50** Furia. (Norway) (MA15+av, R) **3.20** Going Places. (Australia) (PG, R) **4.20** Barnay. (Australia) (R) **4.45** Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (R) **4.55** Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (PGa, R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight. (Philippines)

ABC TV PLUS

6.00 Children's Programs. **4.25** Reef School. **4.35** Bea's Block. **4.50** Do, Re & Mi. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.05** Brave Bunnies. **5.15** Supertato. **5.20** The Adventures Of Paddington. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Bliss. **9.00** Rosehaven. **9.30** Portlandia. **10.15** State Of The Union. **10.25** State Of The Union. (Final) **10.40** Back. **11.05** Would I Lie To You? **11.35** Movie: Whiplash. (2014) **1.20** ABC News Update. **1.25** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

7TWO

6.00 Home Shopping. **6.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** Room For Improvement. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Harry's Practice. **9.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **10.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **11.30** Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Men's. Stage 1. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Rosemary & Thyme. **8.30** A Touch Of Frost. **10.50** Law & Order: UK. **11.50** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** Harry's Practice. **1.30** Room For Improvement. **2.00** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** Lifestyle Magazine. **5.30** James Robison.

9GO!

6.00 Children's Programs. **10.00** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **10.30** Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. **11.00** Transformers Bumblebee: Cyberverse Adventures. **11.30** Bakugan. **12.00** Motor Racing. Formula E. Round 1. Mexico City ePrix. Highlights. **1.00** Surfing Australia TV. **1.30** The Nanny. **2.00** Bewitched. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** WIN News. **6.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 3. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30** Movie: Toy Soldiers. (1991) **10.45** Seinfeld. **11.45** The Emily Atack Show. **12.25** Under The Dome. **1.15** Love After Lockup. **2.05** I Dream Of Jeannie. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Bakugan. **3.30** Beyblade Burst: Quad Drive. **4.00** Children's Programs.

10 BOLD

6.00 Home Shopping. **8.00** Luxury Escapes. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **9.25** FBI: International. **10.20** SEAL Team. **11.15** 48 Hours. **12.15** Home Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

SBS VICELAND

6.00 TRT World Newshour. **6.50** DW English News Morning. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** DW English News. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** Front Up. **12.05** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **3.20** BBC News At Ten. **3.50** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.15** PBS NewsHour. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** NITV News Update. **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Dark Side Of The 2000s. **9.25** Stone Cold Takes On America. New Series. **10.15** Hudson & Rex. **11.55** Box 21. **12.50** Future Man. **1.25** Hate Thy Neighbour. **2.20** VICE Guide To Film. **2.50** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

ABC ME

6.00 Children's Programs. **3.15** Karma's World. **3.25** Dennis & Gnasher: Unleashed! **3.40** The Deep. **4.00** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **4.15** Bluey. **4.20** Odd Squad. **4.45** Little Lunch. **5.00** Popularity Papers. **5.25** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.45** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Spooky Files. **6.25** Welcome To Cardboard City. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** The Penguins Of Madagascar. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Jade Armor. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.10** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.10** Rage. **11.15** Close.

7MATE

6.00 The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Pawn Stars. **11.30** Sound FX: Best Of. **12.00** NFL. NFL. Wildcard. Game 6. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.35** Storage Wars. **5.05** American Restoration. **5.35** American Pickers. **6.35** Pawn Stars. **7.35** Outback Truckers. **9.30** Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under. **10.30** Ice Road Truckers. **11.30** Jade Fever. **12.00** Storage Wars. **12.30** American Restoration. **1.00** Pawn Stars. **2.00** Late Programs.

9GEM

6.00 Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **9.30** Newstyle Direct. **10.00** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **11.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Day 3. **6.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Night 3. **11.00** Agatha Christie's Marple. **1.00** Madam Secretary. **2.00** Manifest. **3.00** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **3.30** Seaway. **4.30** My Favorite Martian. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 PEACH

6.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** The King Of Queens. **8.00** Basketball. NBL. Round 15. Brisbane Bullets v Illawarra Hawks. Replay. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **11.30** The King Of Queens. **12.30** Becker. **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** The King Of Queens. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **10.00** Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** Late Programs.

ABC NEWS

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **2.00** ABC News Day. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** ABC Evening News. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.30** Australian Story. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.25** Foreign Correspondent. **10.00** The World. **10.30** 7.30. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.30** ABC News Regional Roundup. **12.00** ABC Late News. **12.30** Australian Story. **1.00** ABC Late News. **1.15** 7.30. **1.45** Fancy Fruit. **2.00** DW News. **2.15** ABC Late News. **2.25** Foreign Correspondent. **3.00** DW News. **3.30** Late Programs.

Your weekly television guide

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17

ABC TV

6.00 News. 9.00 News. 10.00 First Weapons. (PG, R) 11.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 12.00 News. 1.00 Miniseries: Come Home. (Malsv, R) 1.55 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 2.25 Back Roads. (PG, R) 2.55 Cook And The Chef. (R) 3.25 Tenable. (R) 4.10 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 5.10 Love Your Garden.

6.00 **Back Roads.** (R)
6.30 **Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)
7.00 **ABC News.**
7.30 **7.30.**
8.00 **Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)
8.30 **Spicks And Specks.** Hosted by Adam Hills. (PG, R)
9.00 **Spicks And Specks.** Hosted by Adam Hills. (PG, R)
9.35 **Changing Ends.** Alan turns birdwatcher in pursuit of a pelican. (PG)
9.55 **Miniseries: Best Interests.** (Mdl, R)

10.55 ABC Late News. 11.15 Love Your Garden. (R) 12.00 Tenable. (R) 12.50 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.40 The Durrells. (PG, R) 5.30 7.30. (R)

SEVEN

6.00 Sunrise. 9.30 Pre-Game Show. 10.30 First Test. Australia v West Indies. Day 1. Morning session. 12.30 The Lunch Break. 1.10 First Test. Australia v West Indies. Day 1. Afternoon session. 3.10 Test Cricket: Tea Break. 3.30 First Test. Australia v West Indies. Day 1. Late afternoon session.

6.00 **Seven News.**
Albury: *7News Border.*
6.30 ***Albury:*** *Seven News.*
7.00 **Home And Away.** (PGa)
7.35 **Cricket.** Big Bash League. Game 40. Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Renegades. From Sydney Showgrounds Stadium.
11.00 **Movie: The New Mutants. (2020)** Anya Taylor-Joy, Blu Hunt, Maisie Williams. A group of young mutants is held for psychiatric monitoring in an isolated hospital. (Mhlv, R)
1.00 **Cycling.** Santos Tour Down Under. Men's. Stage 2. Highlights.
2.00 **Home Shopping.**
4.00 **NBC Today.**

5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.

NINE

6.00 Today. 10.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. 11.00 Australian Open. Day 4. 4.00 Australian Open. Afternoon 4.

6.00 **9News.**
7.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Night 4. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
11.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Late-night 4. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
12.00 **New Amsterdam.** An explosion at a wedding sends a stream of injured to New Amsterdam. (Mam, R)
1.00 **Family Law.** The lawyers represent a mail-order bride. (Ma, R)
2.00 **Destination Australia: Cocos Keeling Island.** Presented by Jo-Beth Taylor. (R)
2.30 **GlobalShop.** Home shopping. (R)
3.00 **TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R)
4.00 **Believer's Voice Of Victory.** Religious program. (PGa)
4.30 **Explore TV: Norfolk Island.** (PG, R)
5.00 **9News Early.**
5.30 **Today.**

TEN

6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Everyday Gourmet. (PG, R) 7.30 Ent. Tonight. 8.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 8.30 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 9.00 Bold. (PGa, R) 9.30 Neighbours. (PGa, R) 10.00 The Yes Experiment. (R) 10.30 GCBC. (R) 11.00 Food Trail: South Africa. (R) 11.30 My Market Kitchen. (R) 12.00 10 News First: Midday. 1.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 2.00 To Be Advised. 3.20 Ent. Tonight. 3.30 Farm To Fork. 4.00 Neighbours. (PGa) 4.30 Bold. (PGa) 5.00 News.

6.30 **The Project.** A look at the day's news.
7.30 **Gladiators.** In the third heat, four new contenders take on the gladiators for a spot in the quarter-finals. (PGv)
8.55 **FBI: International.** Series Return. The team investigates when an American police detective is murdered in Paris. (Mv)
10.55 **The Project.** A look at the day's news. (R)
11.55 **The Late Show With Stephen Colbert.** (PG)
1.00 **Home Shopping.** (R)
4.30 **CBS Mornings.**

SBS

6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Cook Up Bitesize. (Australia) (PG, R) 9.05 World's Most Secret Homes. (R) 10.00 Paddington Station 24/7. (PGa, R) 10.50 Vienna: Empire, Dynasty And Dream. (PGas, R) 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.05 Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (Mav, R) 3.00 Mastermind Aust. (Australia) (R) 3.30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 3.35 The Cook Up. (Australia) (R) 4.05 The Supervet. (PGa) 5.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 9. Highlights. 6.00 Mastermind Australia. (Australia) (R) 6.30 SBS World News.

7.30 **Dinosaur With Stephen Fry.** (PGa, R)
8.25 **The Elon Musk Show.** (PGa, R)
9.30 **Fargo. (Canada)** (Final) (MA15+)

10.25 SBS World News Late. 10.55 All Those Things We Never Said. (France) New Series. (Ml) 12.10 Vienna Blood. (Austria) (Ma, R) 3.50 Going Places. (Australia) (PG, R) 4.50 Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (PG, R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight. (Philippines)

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7TWO

6.00 Home Shopping. 6.30 Escape To The Country. 7.30 Room For Improvement. 8.00 Million Dollar Minute. 9.00 Harry's Practice. 9.30 NBC Today. 12.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 1.00 Escape To The Country. 2.00 To Be Advised. 2.30 Cities Of The Underworld. 3.30 Harry's Practice. 4.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.30 Better Homes And Gardens. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Heartbeat. 8.45 Lewis. 10.45 Law & Order: UK. 11.45 Bargain Hunt. 12.45 My Greek Odyssey. 2.00 Cities Of The Underworld. 3.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. 5.00 It Is Written. 5.30 James Robison.

9GO!

6.00 Children's Programs. 9.00 Gigantosaurus. 9.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. 10.00 Ninjago: Dragons Rising. 10.30 Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. 11.00 Transformers Bumblebee: Cyberverse Adventures. 11.30 Bakugan. 12.00 Movie: Pokémon: Giratina And The Sky Warrior. (2008) 2.00 Bewitched. 2.30 Full House. 3.00 Seinfeld. 4.00 Family Ties. 4.30 The Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched. 5.30 WIN News. 6.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 4. 7.00 The Nanny. 7.30 Seinfeld. 8.30 Movie: Lord Of War. (2005) 11.00 Seinfeld. 12.00 Under The Dome. 1.00 Love After Lockup. 2.00 I Dream Of Jeannie. 2.30 Full House. 3.00 Bakugan. 3.30 Beyblade Burst: Quad Drive. 4.00 Children's Programs.

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SBS VICELAND

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7MATE

6.00 The Fishing Show. 7.00 On The Fly. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 A Football Life. 9.00 America's Game. 10.00 American Pickers. 11.00 Pawn Stars. 11.30 Santos Tour Down Under. Men's. Stage 2. 4.00 Counting Cars. 4.30 Storage Wars. 5.00 American Restoration. 5.30 American Pickers. 6.30 Pawn Stars. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 40. Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Renegades. 7.35 Highway Patrol. 8.30 The Force: Behind The Line. 9.30 Beach Cops. 10.30 Surveillance Oz. 11.30 Nature Gone Wild. New Series. 12.00 Late Programs.

9GEM

6.00 Danger Man. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. 8.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. 11.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 4. 6.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 4. 11.00 Midsomer Murders. 1.10 Madam Secretary. 2.10 Manifest. 3.05 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. 3.30 Seaway. 4.30 My Favorite Martian. 5.00 Animal Tales.

10 PEACH

6.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 The King Of Queens. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 Frasier. 10.00 The Middle. 11.00 NBL Slam. 11.30 The King Of Queens. 12.30 Becler. 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. 2.30 Rules Of Engagement. 3.30 The Neighborhood. 4.30 Becker. 5.30 Frasier. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 Two And A Half Men. 9.00 Two And A Half Men. 10.00 Rules Of Engagement. 11.00 Frasier. 12.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.30 Rules Of Engagement. 3.30 Late Programs.

ABC NEWS

6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 2.00 ABC News Day. 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 5.00 ABC News Hour. 7.00 ABC National News. 7.30 ABC Evening News. 8.00 ABC News Tonight. 8.30 Australian Story. 9.00 ABC Nightly News. 9.30 Foreign Correspondent. 10.00 The World. 10.30 7.30. 11.00 ABC Late News. 11.30 The Pacific. 12.00 ABC Late News. 12.30 Australian Story. 1.00 ABC Late News. 1.15 7.30. 1.45 Aussie Mavericks. 2.00 DW News. 2.15 ABC Late News. 2.30 Foreign Correspondent. 3.00 DW News. 3.30 The World. 4.00 Late Programs.

THURSDAY JANUARY 18

ABC TV

6.00 News. 9.00 News. 10.00 Muster Dogs. (PG, R) 11.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 12.00 News. 1.00 Flyways: The Story Of Migratory Shorebirds. (R) 2.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (PG, R) 2.30 Back Roads. (R) 3.00 Cook And The Chef. (R) 3.25 Tenable. (R) 4.15 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 5.15 Love Your Garden.

6.00 **Back Roads: Marble Bar, Western Australia.** (PG, R)
6.30 **Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)
7.00 **ABC News.** A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 **7.30.** Presented by Laura Tingle.
8.00 **Grand Designs Transformations.** A bush block is transformed.
9.00 **Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific.** Part 3 of 3. (PG)
9.50 **Fake Or Fortune? Landseer.** Part 3 of 4. (R)
10.50 **ABC Late News.**
11.05 **Finding Alice.** (Ml, R)
11.55 **Keeping Faith.** (Mal, R)
12.55 **Love Your Garden.** (R)
1.40 **Tenable.** (R)

2.30 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.40 The Durrells. (PG, R) 5.30 7.30. (R)

SEVEN

6.00 Sunrise. 9.30 Pre-Game Show. 10.30 Cricket. First Test. Australia v West Indies. Day 2. Morning session. 12.30 The Lunch Break. 1.10 Cricket. First Test. Australia v West Indies. Day 2. Afternoon session. 3.10 Test Cricket: Tea Break. 3.30 First Test. Australia v West Indies. Day 2. Late afternoon session.

6.00 **Seven News.**
Albury: *7News Border.*
6.30 ***Albury:*** *Seven News.*
7.00 **Home And Away.** (PGa)
7.30 **Animals Aboard With Dr Harry.** A pet flies solo for life-changing surgery. There is a tearful reunion seven months in the making. (PG)
8.30 **Movie: The Sapphires. (2012)** Miranda Tapsell, Deborah Mailman, Jessica Mauboy. During the '60s, four talented Aboriginal singers learn about love, friendship and war. (PGalsv, R)
10.40 **Movie: The Eyes Of Tammy Faye. (2021)** (Mads)

1.25 Santos Tour Down Under. Men's. Stage 3. Highlights. 2.30 Home Shopping. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.

NINE

6.00 Today. 10.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. 11.00 Australian Open. Day 5. 4.00 Australian Open. Afternoon 5.

6.00 **9News.**
7.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Night 5. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
11.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Late-night 5. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
12.00 **New Amsterdam.** Max mandates a personal health day for the staff and is met with resistance. (Mams, R)
1.00 **Family Law.** The firm represents a widow whose late husband's daughter wants to cut her out of the will. (Ma, R)
2.00 **Destination Australia: Christmas Island.** Presented by Trevor Cochrane. (R)
2.30 **GlobalShop.** Home shopping. (R)
3.00 **TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R)
4.00 **Believer's Voice Of Victory.** Religious program. (PGa)
4.30 **Explore TV: Norfolk Island.** Part 4 of 4. (R)
5.00 **9News Early.**
5.30 **Today.**

TEN

6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Everyday Gourmet. (PG, R) 7.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) 8.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 8.30 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 9.00 Bold. (PGa, R) 9.30 Neighbours. (PGa, R) 10.00 The Yes Experiment. (R) 10.30 GCBC. (R) 11.00 Food Trail: South Africa. (R) 11.30 My Market Kitchen. (R) 12.00 10 News First: Midday. 1.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 2.00 To Be Advised. 3.30 Farm To Fork. 4.00 Neighbours. (PGa) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PGa) 5.00 10 News First.

6.30 **The Project.** The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics.
7.30 **The Dog Hospital With Graeme Hall.** Part 1 of 4. Graeme Hall goes behind the scenes at Willows, a veterinary hospital in Solihull, England.
8.35 **To Be Advised.**
10.00 **Soccer.** AFC Asian Cup. Group stage. Australia v Syria. From Jassim bin Hamad Stadium, Al Rayyan, Qatar.
1.00 **Blue Bloods.** (Mv, R)
2.00 **The Project.** (R)

3.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 4.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.

SBS

6.00 WorldWatch. 9.00 Destination Flavour. (R) 9.20 World's Most Secret Homes. (R) 10.15 Paddington Station 24/7. (PG, R) 11.05 Inside The Steam Train Museum. New Series. 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.05 Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (PGavw, R) 3.00 Mastermind Aust. (Australia) (R) 3.30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 3.35 The Cook Up. (Australia) (R) 4.05 The Supervet. (PGa) 5.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 10. Highlights.

6.00 **Mastermind Australia. (Australia)** (R)
6.30 **SBS World News.**
7.30 **Julia Bradbury's Irish Journey: Dublin.** (PGa)
8.30 **The Real Crown: Inside The House Of Windsor: Intruders.** Part 3 of 5. (PG, R)
9.25 **Culprits.** Joe realises he is being followed. (MA15+)
10.25 **SBS World News Late.**
10.55 **A Class Apart. (Sweden)** (MA15+l)

11.40 Pandore. (Belgium) (Mals, R) 4.30 Barnay. (Australia) (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight. (Philippines)

ABC TV PLUS

6.00 Children's Programs. 4.15 Lu And The Bally Bunch. 4.25 Reef School. 4.35 Bea's Block. 4.50 Do, Re & Mi. 5.00 Peppa Pig. 5.05 Brave Bunnies. 5.15 Supertato. 5.20 The Adventures Of Paddington. 5.35 Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. 5.45 Hey Duggee. 5.55 Octonauts. 6.10 Pfffirates. 6.20 Bluey. 6.30 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. 6.40 Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. 6.55 Shaun The Sheep. 7.05 Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Would I Lie To You? 8.30 Hard Quiz. 9.00 Gruen. 9.40 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. 10.20 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 10.40 Bliss. 11.10 Would I Lie To You? 11.40 Black Mirror. 12.35 Louis Theroux's LA Stories. 1.35 Close. 5.00 Children's Programs.

7TWO

6.00 Home Shopping. 6.30 Escape To The Country. 7.30 Room For Improvement. 8.00 Million Dollar Minute. 9.00 Harry's Practice. 9.30 NBC Today. 12.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 1.00 Escape To The Country. 2.00 South Aussie With Cosi. 2.30 My Greek Odyssey. 3.30 Harry's Practice. 4.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.30 Better Homes And Gardens. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Father Brown. 8.40 Murdoch Mysteries. 11.40 Father Brown. 12.50 Bargain Hunt. 2.00 Cities Of The Underworld. 3.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. 5.00 Room For Improvement. 5.30 James Robison.

9GO!

6.00 Children's Programs. 8.30 Barbie: A Touch Of Magic. 9.00 Gigantosaurus. 9.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. 10.00 Ninjago: Dragons Rising. 10.30 Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. 11.00 Transformers Bumblebee: Cyberverse Adventures. 11.30 Bakugan. 12.00 Movie: Pokémon: Arceus And The Jewel Of Life. (2009) 2.00 Bewitched. 2.30 Full House. 3.00 Seinfeld. 4.00 Family Ties. 4.30 The Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched. 5.30 WIN News. 6.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 5. 7.00 The Nanny. 7.30 Seinfeld. 8.30 Movie: Hot Fuzz. (2007) 11.00 Seinfeld. 12.00 Under The Dome. 1.00 Love After Lockup. 2.30 Full House. 3.00 Bakugan. 3.30 Beyblade Burst: Quad Drive. 4.00 Children's Programs.

10 BOLD

6.00 Home Shopping. 8.00 Soccer. A-League Men. Round 12. Central Coast Mariners v Melbourne Victory. Highlights. 8.30 Diagnosis Murder. 9.30 Jake And The Fatman. 10.30 JAG. 12.30 Star Trek: Voyager. 2.30 Jake And The Fatman. 3.30 Diagnosis Murder. 5.30 JAG. 7.30 Bull. 8.30 NCIS. 9.25 NCIS: New Orleans. 10.20 Evil. 11.20 48 Hours. 12.15 Home Shopping. 2.15 Diagnosis Murder. 4.05 JAG.

SBS VICELAND

6.00 WorldWatch. 7.20 FBC News. 7.55 France 24 Feature. 8.10 ABC America Nightline. 8.40 CBC The National. 9.30 BBC News At Six. 10.00 Front Up. 11.40 Front Up. 12.10 The Tailings. 12.20 The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. 3.15 BBC News At Ten. 3.45 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. 4.15 PBS NewsHour. 5.15 Counter Space. 5.45 The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. 6.15 The Fast History Of. 6.40 Jeopardy! 7.30 NITV News Update. 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 The Curse Of Oak Island. Series Return. 10.10 Loot: Blood Treasure. 11.05 Loot: Blood Treasure. 12.00 Dark Side Of Comedy. 12.55 F*ck, That's Delicious. 1.25 Dark Side Of The Ring. 2.15 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera Newshour.

ABC ME

6.00 Children's Programs. 3.25 Dennis & Gnasher: Unleashed! 3.40 The Deep. 4.00 Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. 4.15 Bluey. 4.20 Odd Squad. 4.45 Little Lunch. 5.00 Popularity Papers. 5.25 Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. 5.50 Hotel Transylvania. 6.00 Spooky Files. 6.25 Welcome To Cardboard City. 6.30 Operation Ouch! 7.00 Horrible Histories. 7.30 Shaun The Sheep. 7.35 The Penguins Of Madagascar. 8.00 The Legend Of Korra. 8.25 Jade Armor. 8.45 Mustangs FC. 9.10 School Of Rock. 9.35 Are You Tougher Than Your Ancestors? 10.10 Rage. 11.15 Close.

7MATE

6.00 The Fishing Show. 7.00 On The Fly. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 A Football Life. 9.00 America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. 10.00 American Pickers. 11.00 Pawn Stars. 11.30 Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. Men's. Stage 3. 4.00 Counting Cars. 4.30 Storage Wars. 5.00 American Restoration. 5.30 American Pickers. 6.30 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Family Guy. 8.30 Movie: Anger Management. (2003) 10.40 Roast Night. 11.45 Pawn Stars. 12.45 American Restoration. 1.15 American Pickers. 2.30 Sound FX: Best Of. 3.00 To Be Advised.

9GEM

6.00 Danger Man. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. 8.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. 11.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 5. 6.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 5. 11.00 Poirot. 1.10 Snapped. 2.05 Manifest. 3.05 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. 3.30 Seaway. 4.30 My Favorite Martian. 5.00 Animal Tales.

10 PEACH

6.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 The Neighborhood. 8.00 Becler. 9.00 Frasier. 10.00 Friends. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.30 The Neighborhood. 12.30 Becker. 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. 2.30 Rules Of Engagement. 3.30 The Neighborhood. 4.30 Becker. 5.30 Frasier. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 The Big Bang Theory. 7.30 The Big Bang Theory. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 Two And A Half Men. 9.00 Two And A Half Men. 10.00 Two And A Half Men. 10.30 Two And A Half Men. 11.00 Frasier. 12.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 Late Programs.

ABC NEWS

6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 2.00 ABC News Day. 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 5.00 ABC News Hour. 7.00 ABC National News. 7.30 ABC Evening News. 8.00 ABC News Tonight. 8.30 Australian Story. 9.00 ABC Nightly News. 9.30 Foreign Correspondent. 10.00 The World. 10.30 7.30. 11.00 ABC Late News. 11.30 China Tonight: Summer Special. 12.00 ABC Late News. 12.30 Australian Story. 1.00 ABC Late News. 1.15 7.30. 1.45 Unusual Farmers. 2.00 DW News. 2.15 ABC News Video Lab. 2.30 Foreign Correspondent. 3.00 Late Programs.

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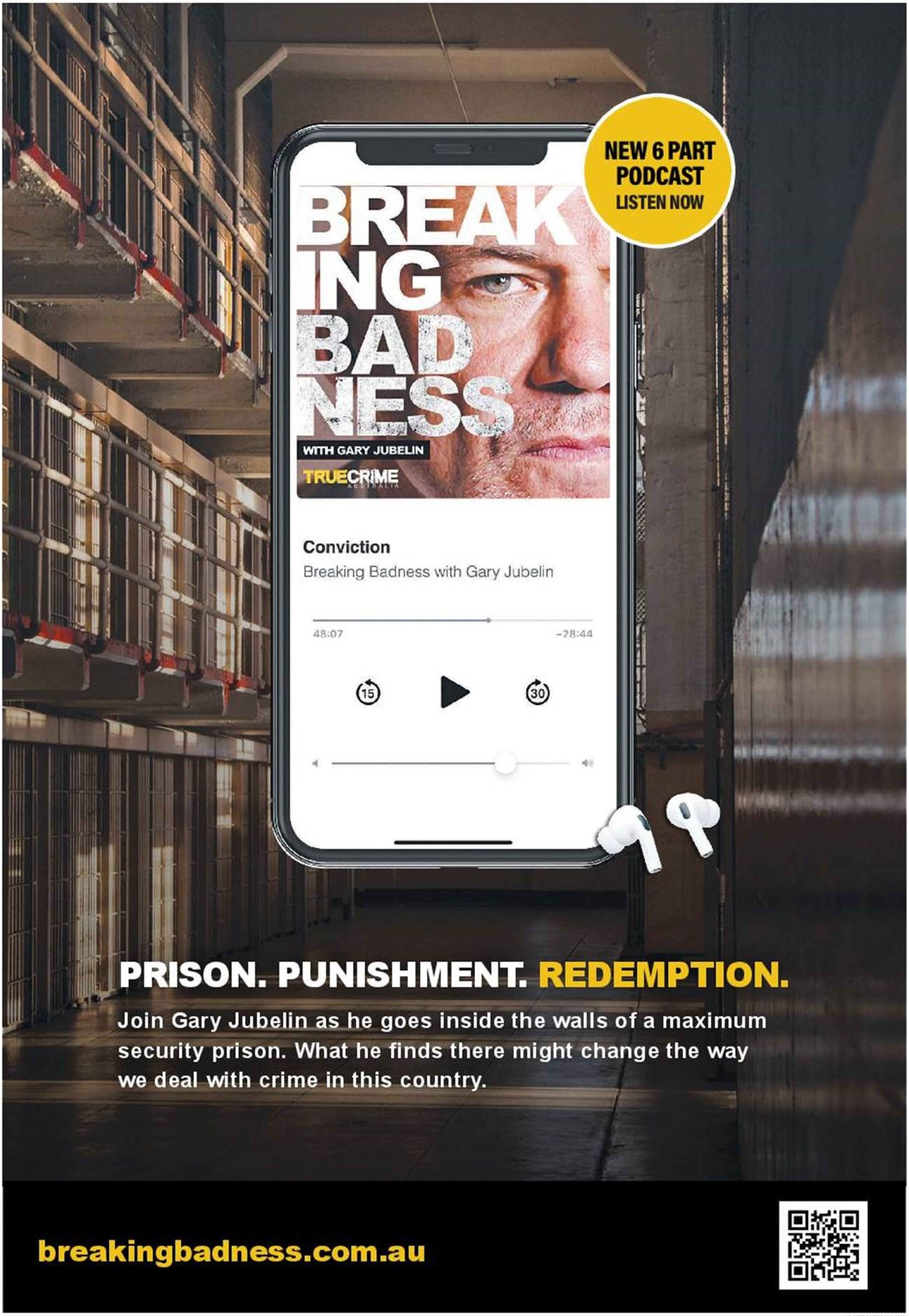
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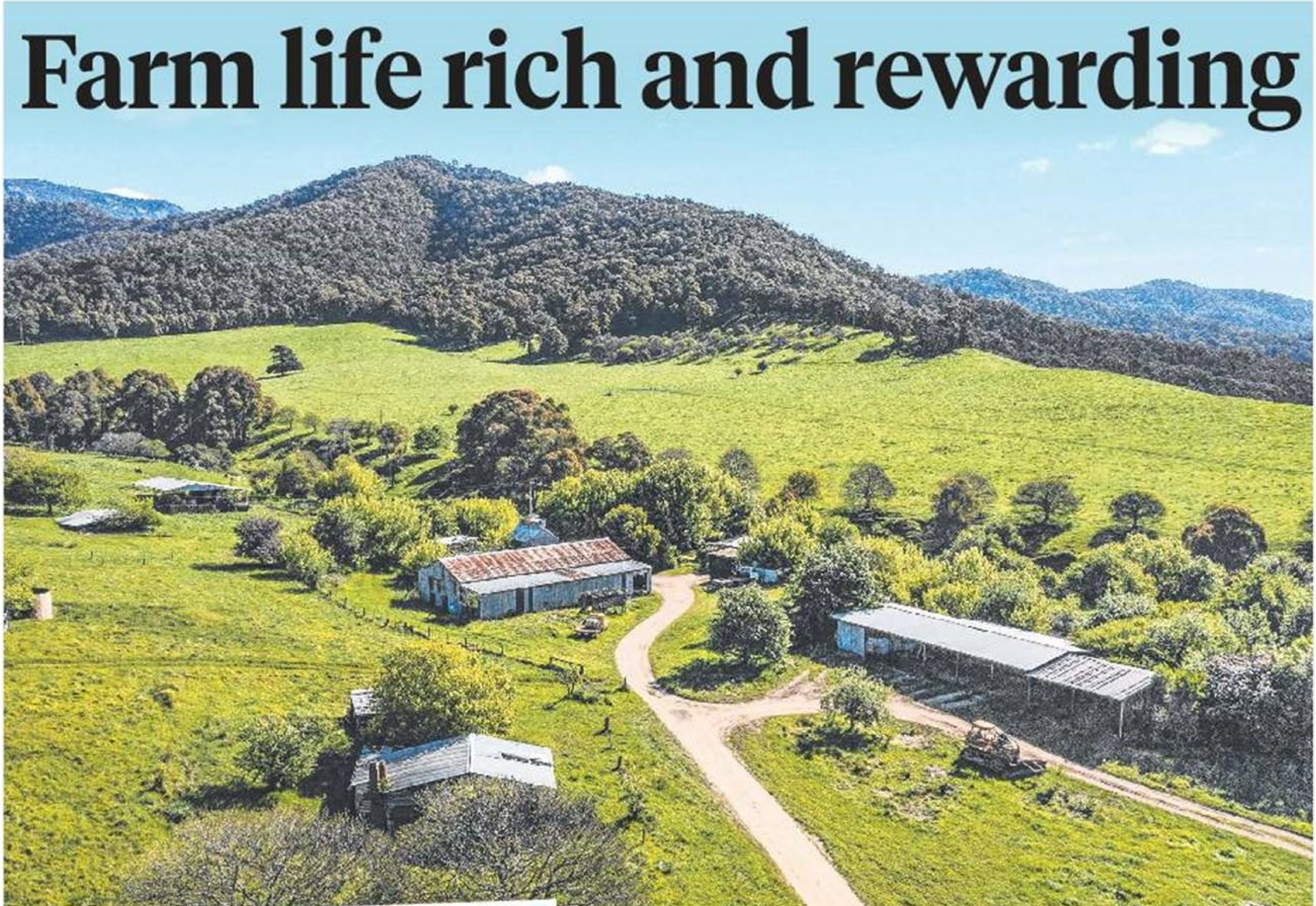

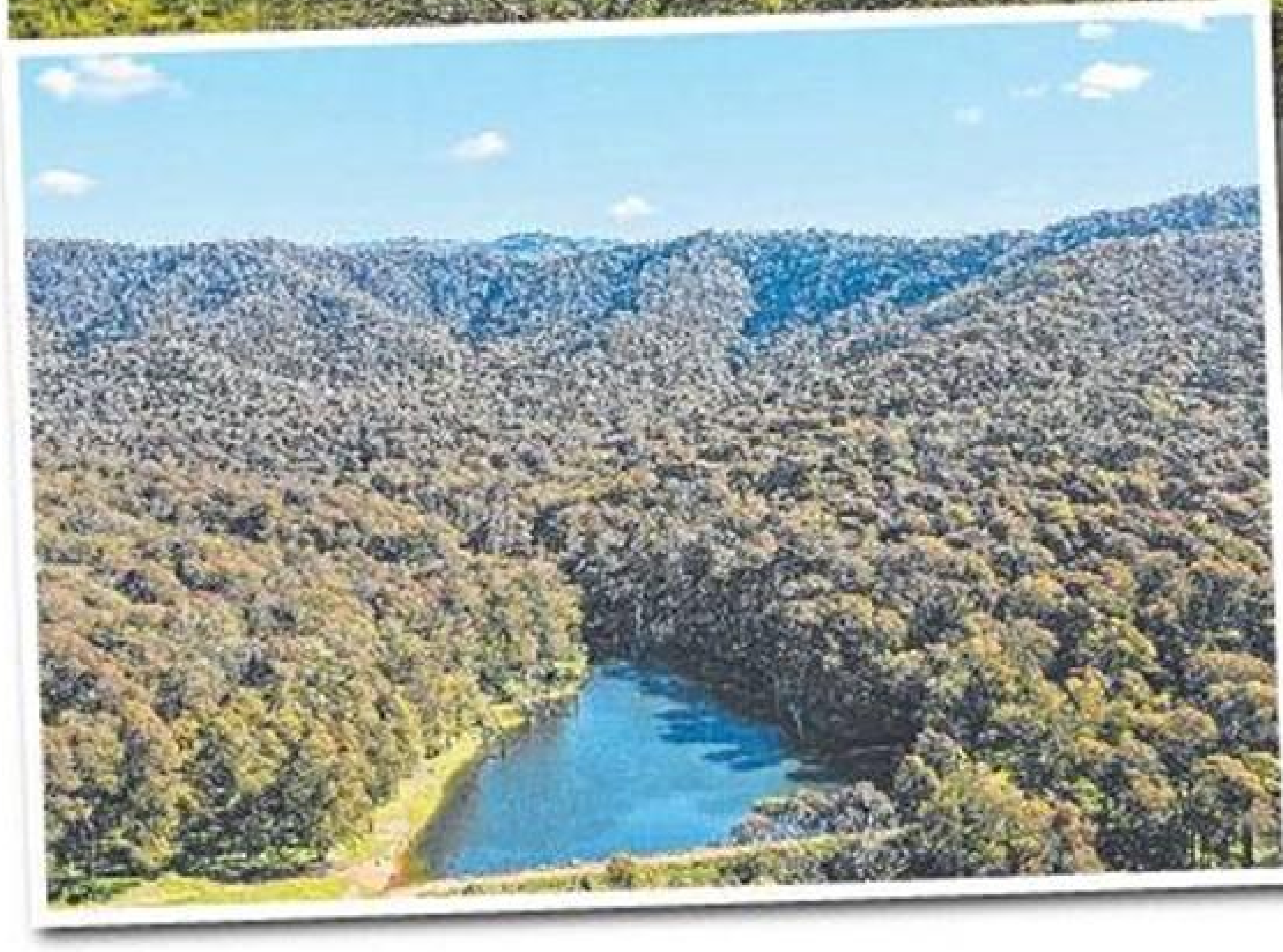

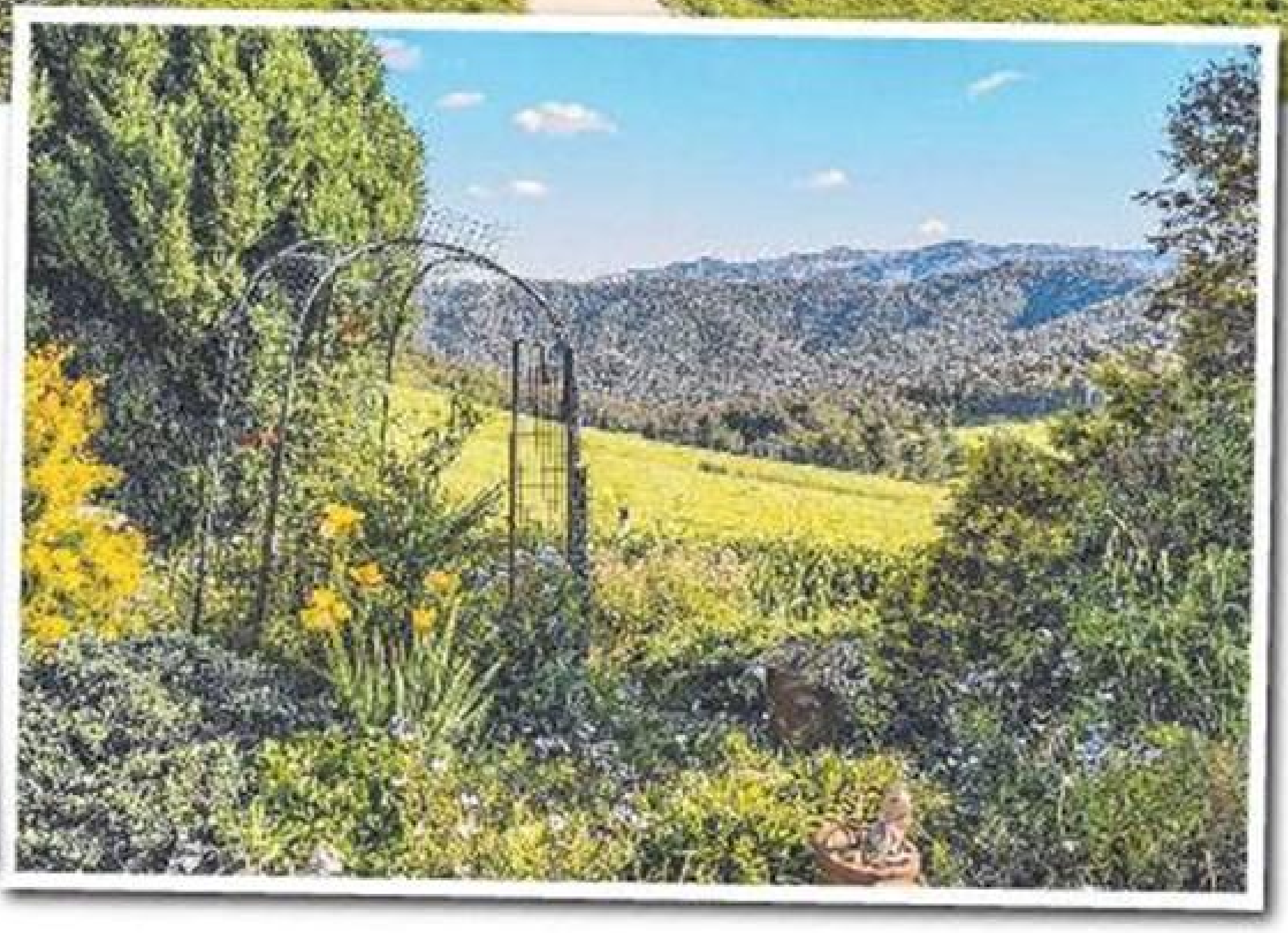

The Eurobin farm features generous frontage to the Ovens River, cleared grazing land and natural bush. The water supply comes from a permanent creek, a 50ML irrigation licence from the Ovens River and a large, fish-stocked dam.

Below: The brick-veneer four-bedroom home was built to make the most of valley views.

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Win Mapley is sorely missing her beloved cows, but knows there's more sadness to come when she leaves the family farm she and her late husband, Barry, built up and ran together for almost 60 years at Eurobin, in the Ovens Valley of North East Victoria.

Win sold 85 mixed-aged cows and 65 Angus steers at this month's Nutrien Ivone Agencies Christmas cattle sale, marking an end to her long career in farming.

The property, owned by the Mapley family for 76 years, is located alongside Mount Buffalo National Park between Myrtleford and Porepunkah with generous frontage to the Ovens River.

Barry, who passed away in 2016, aged 74, was a local CFA captain for 40 years, winning a National Emergency Medal two years earlier for his heroic efforts during the Black Saturday fires in 2009.

"It's a big step I'm taking and it's very upsetting to have to sell, but I'm nearly 83 and I need to retire," Win said.

"The Mapleys came to this property around 1947 after Barry's father was sent from Tasmania in 1937-38 to work in the Rostrevor hop gardens and he lived there for 10 years.

"When they did arrive, they also set up a dairy and milked cows for years, but when Barry and I married in 1960 we bought our first black bulls and put them across dairy cows to produce black milkers.

"We eventually set up an Angus herd of about 130 head and left dairying behind — then started growing tobacco and vegetables like pumpkins and sweet corn.

"We also planted 120 chestnut trees and used the nuts as stock feed after the prices deteriorated."

The property consists of nine parcels of land totalling 176ha, of which 145ha is cleared grazing land and the balance natural bush.

Water is assured, with supply from a permanent creek, a 50ML irrigation licence from the Ovens River and 21ML from a large, fish-stocked dam.

The brick-veneer home, built 30 years ago to make the most of the valley views, includes four bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen and dining, separate living and dining areas, laundry and garage.

"The original homestead is over 100 years old and not in very good condition, but I think it could be repaired," Win said.

Other infrastructure includes a hay shed, machinery shed, old piggery, other auxiliary shedding and a set of cattle yards.

MOTORING

Nissan puts X-Trail on hybrid path

DAVID McCOWEN

The 2023 Nissan X-Trail ST-L e-power is "reasonably composed but won't win much acclaim for driver engagement".

Has Nissan been copying Toyota's homework?

Possibly, although it has arrived at a different answer to the question of hybrid power.

Recognising the RAV4 Hybrid is one of Australia's best-selling cars, Nissan recently wedged its tricky "e-Power" motor into the popular X-Trail.

Initially the tech was only available on the most expensive models in the range, but it's now available on the cheaper ST-L version, increasing its appeal as a RAV4 rival.

At launch, the get-in price for an X-Trail hybrid was $59,000 drive-away (the top-spec model was $62,000 drive-away). For that, buyers were treated to premium gear such as 20-inch alloys, leather seats, wide-screen digital dashboards, head-up displays, wireless smartphone mirroring, three-zone climate control, a powered tailgate and 10-speaker Bose audio.

You won't find any of that on the ST-L, which is designed to appeal to more frugal folks.

On sale for about $54,000 drive-away, the new machine trades a full-width digital dash for a smaller 7-inch driver display and 8-inch infotainment screen, so the cabin doesn't feel quite as modern as better-equipped versions.

It still has smartphone mirroring (remember to bring a cable) and heated seats (now vinyl), along with the same safety features as premium models.

That means the hybrid Nissan is loaded with lane-keeping assistance, active cruise control and front and rear auto emergency braking, along with a 360-degree parking camera augmented by front and rear parking sensors.

We don't love the way its safety systems interpret straight highways as cause for alarm – the car will stab the brakes and sound a klaxon if it erroneously interprets minimal steering input as a driver asleep at the wheel.

And it still costs more than entry-level versions of the Toyota, which start at about $50,000 drive-away in all-wheel-drive trim.

But it is significantly cheaper than the two-wheel-drive Honda CR-V hybrid, which is only available in one range-topping model for $59,900 drive-away.

Both rivals need less petrol than the Nissan, which claims 6.1L/100km fuel use.

The Toyota's 4.8L/100km economy is the best in this class, while Honda splits the difference with a 5.5L/100km thirst.

Nissan backs the X-Trail with an industry-standard five-year warranty.

Servicing is relatively expensive at $2113 for five years, about double what Honda and Toyota charge.

The X-Trail's "e-Power" hybrid system is an interesting one. Think of it as an electric car that uses battery-fed motors to turn the front and rear wheels with 157kW of combined power.

AT A GLANCE

NISSAN X-TRAIL ST-L E-POWER

PRICE About $54,000 drive-away

ENGINE Three-cyl turbo petrol hybrid, 157kW

WARRANTY/SERVICE Five-yr/u'ltd km, $2113 for five years

SAFETY Seven airbags, front and rear auto emergency baking, active cruise control, lane-keep assist, blind-spot monitoring, rear cross-traffic alert

THIRST 6.1L/100km

CARGO 575 litres

SPARE Repair kit

Rather than plugging it in, you fill a petrol tank with unleaded fuel to supply a three-cylinder engine that serves as a generator for the car's comparatively tiny 2.1kWh battery.

This means the car has the crisp throttle response and quiet efficiency of an electric car, particularly at low speed.

The little petrol engine purrs away from time to time to top up the battery. It can be disconcerting at first, as the engine noise can take you by surprise.

Floor the throttle in an overtaking manoeuvre or highway on-ramp and the petrol engine will flare to life, revving hard to crank out 106kW of power and deliver maximum thrust.

It all works reasonably well, returning a much smoother and more satisfying drive than conventionally powered Nissans with rubbery CVT transmissions.

But it is thirstier than rivals and heavier too.

The e-Power treatment adds more than 200kg to the less-than-lithe X-Trail, which results in a car that feels less agile than the best in class.

It's reasonably composed but won't win much acclaim for driver engagement.

The hybrid treatment also reduces the X-Trail's ground clearance and deletes its spare tyre, so we wouldn't recommend it for off-road adventures.

VERDICT ★★★★

The most efficient and eager X-Trail just became easier to buy.

Think of X-Trail's e-Power hybrid system as an electric car that uses battery-fed motors to turn the front and rear wheels with 157kW of combined power. The three-cylinder engine serves as a generator.

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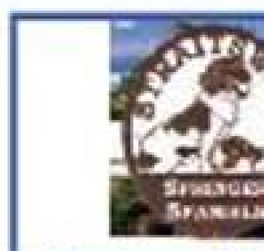

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CROP GEAR

XAVIER DUFF

Big X9 header saves time, fuel

John Deere's latest model header is proving itself in Australian paddocks with two successful harvests now under its belt.

Farmers who bought the X9 combine harvester, launched in Australia in 2021, have tried them in contrasting harvest conditions and found they have delivered the huge capacity and time and fuel savings promised.

The X9 Is John Deere's biggest capacity header yet, available in two models, the X9 1000 (630hp) and the X9 1000 (690hp).

They can chomp through up to 12ha of wheat in an hour, significantly more than their predecessor, the S series.

The key to the X series' big appetite is its feeder house, which is 23 per cent wider than previous models allowing it to handle as much as 100 tonnes of wheat an hour.

This is backed by significantly bigger separation, threshing and cleaning areas.

As well, the machine is able to operate at higher moisture levels, extending the harvest window from early morning to later at night.

The company claims the bigger capacity is achieved while using 20 per cent less fuel than the S series headers.

Western Australian grower Daniel Winter has been impressed with the X9 1110 Signature edition, which has now done two quite different harvests on the family farm at Allanooka near Geraldton.

Mr Winter farms with his parents-in-law, Rod and Tania Cosgrove, growing 4500ha of wheat, canola and lupins.

The family bought their X9 in September 2022 to handle an increase in their cropping area.

"The X9 showed it could certainly rip the grain off in a good crop," Mr Winter said.

"Our best result last summer was 98 tonnes in an hour and 910 tonnes in a day, which is phenomenal. The trucks couldn't keep up and it was hard work for the little 22-tonne chaser bin we were using.

"Previously on a good day our John Deere S780 would harvest 500 tonnes in 11 to 12 hours, whereas the X9 was consistently doing 650 tonnes in the same amount of time."

Mr Winter estimated the bigger capacity of the X9 and the resulting faster harvesting times had saved them 200 hours in that 2022-23 harvest.

This year, due to a dry season in WA, crop yields were down which meant the X9's fuel efficiency became an important factor in keeping costs down and maximising profitability.

"The X9 with 50-foot front is consistently using between three-and-a-half and four litres per hectare. That's about 350 litres for 100 hectares, which is really good," Mr Winter said.

"While we set record tonnages with the X9 last summer, this season we're doing more hectares, up to 300ha in one day, due to the lighter yields, and we invested in a 30t chaser bin that's keeping up."

Meanwhile, NSW grain grower James Hardcastle ordered an X9 1000 for this harvest after seeing one in action on his farm in the 2022 harvest operated by his contractor Dan Bingham, from Bingham Agriculture.

"I thought, what an incredible bit of gear. Everything about it was amazing," Mr Hardcastle said.

"The X9 provided a really comfortable ride and the twin rotors meant it could work through crops much more quickly, for better productivity."

Hardcastle Farming, crops 8900ha near North Star, in the Nulla Nulla district of northern NSW, growing mostly dryland wheat but also barley, chickpeas and sorghum.

This harvest meant three X9s – Mr Hardcastle's plus two of Bingham's – replaced the eight headers needed in other years. Logistically it was much easier managing the harvest with so few headers, he said.

"Harvest was very different this year, thanks to the X9s. There was the same level of activity, the trucks and bins were still there, but less headers and fewer people meant it was very calm with minimal noise and less chaos," he said.

Mr Hardcastle said he was impressed with the X9's fuel efficiency even with its high capacity and speed.

"We saved 50,000 litres over the harvest, half what we'd normally use," he said.

He is so taken with the X9 he has ordered a second, a X9 1100, for next year.

Grain growers have been impressed by the performance of the X9 1000 Combine Harvester.

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Jigs work for bluefin tuna

Chris Pitman reports large numbers of southern bluefin tuna, averaging 10-12kg, are running in about 30m of water between Point Lonsdale and Anglesea In Bass Strait.

Successful anglers trolled skirted jigs and hard body lures.

Along the Murray River at Swan Hill, Jim Credlin, at JC's Bait and Tackle, reports Neds Corner produced yellowbelly to 50cm and Murray cod to 80cm. Most fish were caught trolling black/purple Oargee lures. Nyah produced cod to 70cm on bardi grubs and Pental Island had cod to 82cm and yellowbelly caught on grubs, scrubworms and yabbies.

Farther downstream in the Murray, from Hattah to Wentworth, Rod Mackenzie reports cod to a metre and yellowbelly to 55cm were consistent.

Most fish were caught on bait including yabbies, shrimp, scrubworms and bardi grubs, or on lures including deep divers and spinnerbaits.

In the Western District, John Clements, at Lake Purrumbete Holiday Park, reports redfin from 300g to 500g were caught on scrubworms, minnows and soft plastic lures. Anglers also caught brown trout to 3kg on hard-body lures and mudeyes. Chinook salmon to about 1kg were taken on pilchards, while rainbow and tiger trout weighing to 1.5kg were caught on mudeyes and lures.

In Lake Bullen Merri, anglers trolling Tassie Devil lures caught rainbow trout to 1kg and tiger trout to 2kg. Pilchard fillets worked best for Chinook salmon to 3kg.

At Eildon, Craig Parker reports Murray cod to 1.28m long were caught in Lake Eildon on lures and bait. Yellowbelly were in good numbers and were caught on spinnerbaits, worms and yabbies. Redfin to 30cm are taking worms and lures.

In Eildon Pondage, brown trout from 2.8kg to 4.5kg were caught on Kroc 60/40 and Crab pattern lures. Plenty of rainbow trout to 1kg were caught on Powerbait and lures. Late afternoons along Riverside Drive, anglers working small surface lures caught Murray cod from 35cm to 94cm.

The Goulburn River produced rainbow trout to 1kg and brown trout to 3kg on worms, Powerbait and lures.

In Port Phillip Bay, Chris Pitman, at Drysdale Bait and Tackle, reports King George whiting averaging about 35cm were on the bite off St Leonards. Calamari squid were taking artificial jigs in the same area.

Fishing has been excellent in the Gippsland Lakes and East Gippsland. At Lakes Entrance, garfish, bream, flathead and kingfish were caught in Cunninghame Arm. Local beaches produced salmon and tailor on pilchards, while offshore at Six Mile Reef for snapper, morwong, and gummy sharks were caught.

In Lake Tyers, bream and flathead made up the bulk of the catch, with tailor and salmon in the surf. The Mitchell, Tambo and Nicholson rivers produced bream on sandworm, prawn, soft shell, mussel, cut crab and soft plastic lures.

In East Gippsland at Marlo, salmon were caught on lures in the channel. The jetties produced bream on prawn, and surf beaches had tailor and salmon. Bemm River was consistent for salmon on lures, bream and flathead on sandworm and prawn. Mallacoota produced bream in the Top and Bottom Lakes and flathead in Harrisons Channel

- STEVE COOPER

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Plants that bow with blooms or droop rebelliously convey feelings of romance and nostalgia

It pays for gardeners to get a little weepy at times.

Normal shaped plants are fine and often there's room for a soaring specimen or two, but weeping plants have an amazing ability to imbue a garden with romance.

Who hasn't gone gooey at the sight of a luxuriant wisteria seemingly dripping in blooms, a Japanese maple cascading colour, or a weeping rose blooming its pretty heart out.

It's got a lot to do with weeping plants' seeming air of easygoing rebelliousness, lack of conformity, making a statement that they are different to all others.

I still get nostalgic at the thought of playing as a kid among the giant lower branches of a lakeside weeping willow in the Melbourne suburb where I grew up.

This was the place to retreat to on warm summer days, to lie back on a gnarled limb and survey the water, your only thought being whether there was a telltale tug on the string yabby line you had tied to one of the willow's wispy, drooping branches.

Of course, in these times, this weeping tree has been portrayed as something of a weedy eco vandal, responsible for fouling and stopping the flow of creeks across the land.

That might be so, after all this Asian tree is an amazingly quick grower, and it's no exaggeration willow trees can be grown simply by sticking willow stems in moist soil.

That said, it's likely personal nostalgia but I find it hard not to believe there isn't a place for the beautiful weeping willow in this world.

I'm encouraged in that view by more recent claims that eliminating willows from creek sides weakens banks through the disappearance of tree roots that have held them together, allowing masses of topsoil to be washed downstream.

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Who doesn't love a weeping wisteria? Inset (from left): the weeping willow is a heart tugger; Heideschnee weeping standard rose; and weeping moptop acacia. Pictures: Fawcett Media

TIME TO WEEP

Looking around today's gardens I'm surprised there are not more weeping plants considering their visual charm.

I assume it's fashion, or maybe many of today's gardeners just aren't aware how easy it is to grow weeping plants.

Also, some weepers need to be grafted and are necessarily higher priced than non-weeping equivalents.

Certainly there are plentiful choices, from magnificent white weeping cherries whose blooms have been compared to falling snow, to weeping elms with leafy branches reaching the ground, wisterias with their blankets of blooms, weeping birches, and the eternal favourite Japanese weeping maple that explodes in autumn colour. There are weeping crabapples, weeping mulberries and even a weeping purple beech.

These are all before we even get to grafted weeping standard roses such as Seafoam, Red Cascade, Pierre De Ronsard and a hundred others.

NATIVE WEEPERS

There is a surprisingly large number of ridgy-didge weepers among Australian plants, including the weeping tea tree (leptospermum madidum) and eucalyptus scoparia with its pendulous leaves, while many such as the spectacular red and bird-attracting bottlebrush callistemon viminalis Dawson River weeper, a tall grower to five metres and a favourite for showy country windbreaks, and the willow myrtle (agonis flexuosa lemon and lime is a standout) have a distinct weeping habit.

Plant breeders have had a field day too grafting weeping grevilleas and wattles (acacias) as standards, with the popular acacia cognata range including the distinctive Copper Tips, Green Magik and Lime Magik.

WHERE TO WEEP

By their very nature, weepers are often best grown centre stage as feature plants, although many such as the grevillea and acacia weepers make fabulous hedges,

Care does need to be taken with placement in smaller gardens, however, so that weeping foliage doesn't overly obscure views.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

PRUNE English lavenders – but don't cut into bare wood.

WHERE POSSIBLE put off planting until cooler days.

WATER tomatoes regularly, liquid feed with tomato-specific fertiliser and prune off lower leaves to stop water splashes introducing disease.

Food

Lemon paradise cake

Here's a new cake idea! We baked a layer of vanilla custard and a layer of lemon curd into the middle of a lemon cake to make it perfectly gooey in the middle. And there's a secret to the heavenly frosting too: a clever combination of sour cream and cream cheese.

INGREDIENTS

125g butter, at room temperature
100g (1/2 cup) caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tbsp finely grated lemon rind
2 eggs
300g (2 cups) self-raising flour
75g (1/2 cup) plain flour
185ml (3/4 cup) milk
330g (11/4 cups) lemon curd
VANILLA CUSTARD
50g (1/3 cup) custard powder
435ml (1 3/4 cups) milk
2 tbsp caster sugar
1 tbsp finely grated lemon rind
70g (1/4 cup) lemon curd
SOUR CREAM TOPPING
150g cream cheese, at room temperature
180g (2/3 cup) sour cream
60g (1/3 cup) icing sugar, sifted

METHOD

To make the vanilla custard, stir the custard powder and 125ml (1/2 cup) milk in a medium saucepan until smooth. Stir in sugar and remaining milk and cook, stirring, over medium heat for 5 minutes or until thick. Stir in rind and curd. Set aside to cool slightly.

STEP 2

Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan-forced. Grease a 22cm round springform pan. Line base and side with baking paper.

STEP 3

Use electric beaters to beat the butter, sugar, vanilla and rind until pale. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Fold in the self-raising flour, plain flour and milk until combined. Spoon half the cake mixture into the prepared pan. Smooth surface.

STEP 4

Dollop the warm custard over the top of the cake mixture and use the back of a spoon to spread into an even layer. Dollop 1 cup lemon curd over the custard layer and use the back of a spoon to spread into an even layer.

STEP 5

Dollop the remaining cake mixture over the top.
Use the back of a spoon to gently smooth the surface (don't worry if there are a few small gaps). Bake for 1 hour or until a skewer inserted into the centre of cake comes out clean. Set aside in the pan for 20 minutes before turning out, topside up, onto a wire rack to cool completely.

STEP 6

To make the sour cream topping, use electric beaters to beat the cream cheese, sour cream and sugar in a medium bowl until thick and creamy. Spread topping over cake.

STEP 7

Drizzle the cake with the remaining lemon curd, to serve.

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Mixed potato salad with smoked trout

Please a crowd with this deliciously easy, mixed potato salad tossed with smoked trout and fresh coriander dressing.

INGREDIENTS

500g baby red potatoes, thickly sliced
500g baby potatoes, thickly sliced
2 small sweet potatoes, scrubbed, thickly sliced
2 tbsp olive oil
2 bunches asparagus, trimmed
1 (about 350g) whole smoked trout, skin and bones removed
Lime halves, to serve (optional)
Coriander and lime dressing
1 bunch fresh coriander, leaves picked
2 garlic cloves, peeled
1 lime, rind finely grated, juiced
2 tbsp toasted walnuts
60ml (1/4 cup) olive oil

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 200C/180C fan forced. Line 2 large baking trays with baking paper. Arrange the potato and sweet potatoin a single layer over the prepared trays. Season and drizzle with the oil. Roast for 40 minutes or until tender.

STEP 2

Add the asparagus to the trays and roast for a further 15-20 minutes or until the potato is golden and crisp, and the asparagusis lightly charred.

STEP 3

Meanwhile, for the coriander and lime dressing, reserve a few coriander leaves. Place the remaining coriander leaves in ablender. Add the garlic, lime rind and juice, walnuts and olive oil, and blend until smooth. Season.

STEP 4

Flake the trout. Arrange the potato, sweet potato, asparagus and trout on a serving platter. Drizzle with some of the dressing.Sprinkle with the reserved coriander. Serve with extra lime halves, if you like, and the remaining dressing on the side.

YOUR STARS

CAPRICORN
(Dec 22-Jan 19)
Use awareness to keep your energy pointed in the right direction. There's no need to react to those seeking ideals of harmony. Stick to what makes you happy. You are growing.

AQUARIUS
(Jan 20-Feb 18)
You're off to a good start. Link your ideas to your feelings, it will turn you into a potent force. Point the energy towards work and healing. Try not to get ahead of yourself.

PISCES
(Feb 19-Mar 20)
This week gives you the wisdom to make a good career move. When intuition meets common sense, the effect is amazing. Don't unpick dreams.

ARIES
(Mar 21-Apr 20)
Shift your vision from a wide-angle to a focused lens. Align your heart with your actions. It will set the tone for the days ahead. There is much to be shared with those who really care.

TAURUS
(Apr 21-May 20)
You may be rethinking some of those wild ideas you've had lately. Getting real with details and particulars is on the agenda. Don't close your doors, however.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 21)
You are in a philosophical phase. This week will find you sifting the facts of your life from your dreams. Reality checks across the board. It's a potentially transformational week.

CANCER
(June 22-July 22)
The theme of the month is to upskill. Apply yourself to learning things you really want to master. Focus on the particulars. Practical matters are associated with feeling free.

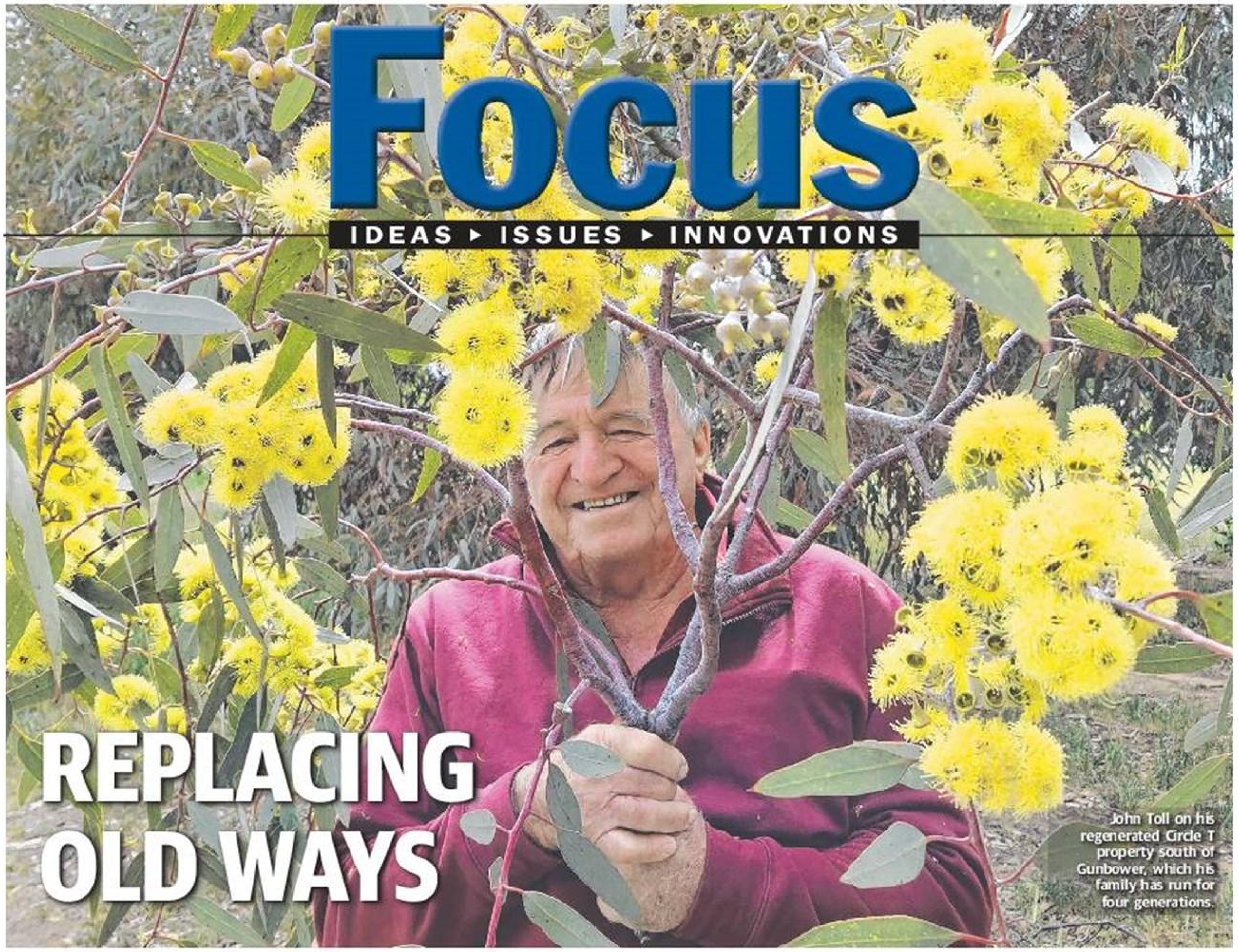
LEO
(July 23-Aug 22)
In a relationship there is no avoiding having to be aware of the needs of the other. The art of listening can transforml. To hear, we must be silent.

VIRGO
(Aug 23-Sept 22)
There is something deeply settling about the tone of this week. It's as if the universe has decided your methods are effective and is encouraging similar approaches in all your friends.

LIBRA
(Sept 23-Oct 23)
There's lot hanging on your opinion or actions. You aren't about to be pushed by anyone. Your interest is in being deeply connected to your feelings. Liberation is on your agenda.

SCORPIO
(Oct 24-Nov 21)
There's major change ahead. You can sense it coming. Your belly is telling you to get ready to show your skills and strut your stuff. Interesting times ahead.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 22-Dec 21)
Where others are ducking hailstorms, you're walking forth protected by the morning star. Your tribe will soak up all you have to offer. Share your ideas and visions, it'll make your heart sing.



Focus

IDEAS ▸ ISSUES ▸ INNOVATIONS

REPLACING OLD WAYS

John Toll on his regenerated Circle T property south of Gunbower, which his family has run for four generations.

At Circle T, input and flock efficiency cut costs and help the environment, writes **MADELEINE STUCHBERY**

A self-replacing flock run across self-replacing pasture is central to Circle T's prime lamb operation, with a focus on easy management of livestock and the land.

At the centre of the Circle T enterprise is 78-year-old John Toll, who has farmed his property south of Gunbower since the 1970s.

Including lambs, he is running about 1400 Wiltipoll sheep across the property, where he has focused on intensive revegetation of the landscape, planting wildlife corridors along the breadth of the property.

It is a central pillar of his regenerative practice, one in which both animal and land work in conjunction with the farmer. For four generations, going on five, John's family has farmed the 800ha of property south of Gunbower, adjacent to the Gunbower Island State Forest.

The farm has been in its current form since the 1960s, when John's uncle was bought out.

"Since then we haven't bought any more land, it's just been developed," John said.

LANDSCAPE LIFT

Fifty years ago, Circle T was an irrigated property running Merino and crossbred sheep.

But starting in 1972, John began making significant changes to both the livestock and the landscape.

John and Greg made several alterations, including investing time and money into heavily revegetating their property, and breeding out the horned varieties of sheep, aiming to work towards a self-sustaining enterprise.

"We started planting trees … and when local species became available, like our box trees and red gums, we started doing that," John said. "And now … the numbers (of trees) up around 70 or 80,000 through the years." A natural depression running through the property works to provide soil moisture.

"It's a natural depression which drains from as far south as Bendigo … slowly draining floodwaters south of us," John said.

"We're lucky enough to have this drainage area, and we've put corridors of trees through the place."

John's focus now is on revegetating areas on the property to connect eastern and western corridors of trees to create native habitats for wildlife and birds.

The other major shift on-farm back in the 1970s was to move away from Merinos and breed into Wiltipoll.

Starting with Wiltshire Horns, John's interest in shedding sheep was piqued.

"After a few years with Wiltshire Horns, and wrestling with them because they had horns … we were sick of getting skinned knees when drenching. We thought we'd join these Wiltshire horns to something that didn't have horns," John said.

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"From the early 1970s to now, it's been Wiltipolls. That's what's kept us going on the farm as prime lamb producers."

While some parts of the property are irrigated to grow hay for dairy farmers, the shedding sheep are run on regenerative land. "If we didn't have them, we wouldn't be doing what we're doing now, which is letting native grasses to appear on the farm," John said.

"They don't need shearing, they have short hair on them, and we've bred them to where it falls out … tree foils or barley grass don't affect them.

"We don't have to keep improving pastures, we can deal with the self-replacing flock and the self-replacing pastures."

BREED APART

John now runs about 1400 Wiltipoll sheep, including lambs.

Lambing can occur at any point throughout the season, which John said is due to the nature of the breed.

"Wiltipoll are an unusual breed, because they tend to mate in the summer and lamb in the winter," John said.

"We'd rather join them in November and lamb a bit early than in winter."

But without having to make plans around shearing each summer, John is flexible with his stock and happy to go with the flow.

"I have about 700 breeding ewes, and about 100 just joined for the first lamb," he said.

"The good thing about Wiltipolls is because they don't have wool on them, we'll have in some cases eight or 10-year old sheep. I judge their health each year, and any that are up to it … I'll get rid of."

Lambing rates average about 110 per cent, a figure John is happy with.

Lambs are turned off at differing sizes and times of the year, depending on market conditions, John said.

No set rotational grazing is needed due to the nature of the Wiltipolls and the land is another feature of the Circle T approach designed to build resilience and ease into the operation.

John said the native grasses get them through summer, but in "years gone by our pasture would have been subclover and rye" and it would be grazed and cut for hay.

"There were periods you'd have to feed hay in the summer to keep enough feed for the sheep because we didn't irrigate all through summer.

"Unlike the past couple of years we've had this rain.

"If we didn't have this native grass I'd have to take hay out to feed them. We're learning about this dramatically."

INPUT CONTROL

Another central pillar to John's operation is the reduction of inputs, both to cut costs and to aid soil biology.

The aim is for natural groundcover, without using too much artificial fertiliser.

John said they try to improve the soil biology by using natural inputs such as worm castings and then you can "throw in molasses and all these mixtures to ferment it, then you spray it out on the paddock".

"We don't want to bare the ground. We're trying to leave as much cover on it as possible at all times," John said.

JOHN TOLL

GUNBOWER

RUNS 1400 Wiltipoll sheep across 800ha

INVESTED heavily in revegetating the property

LAMBING rates sit at 110 per cent

REDUCES use of inputs such as artificial fertiliser

It's an example of working in sympathy with the land instead of against it.

But John is not away with the fairies, and has his feet firmly entrenched in reality.

For him, farming is about striking a balance between an idealistic view of the future, improving land and pasture, while also making a profit.

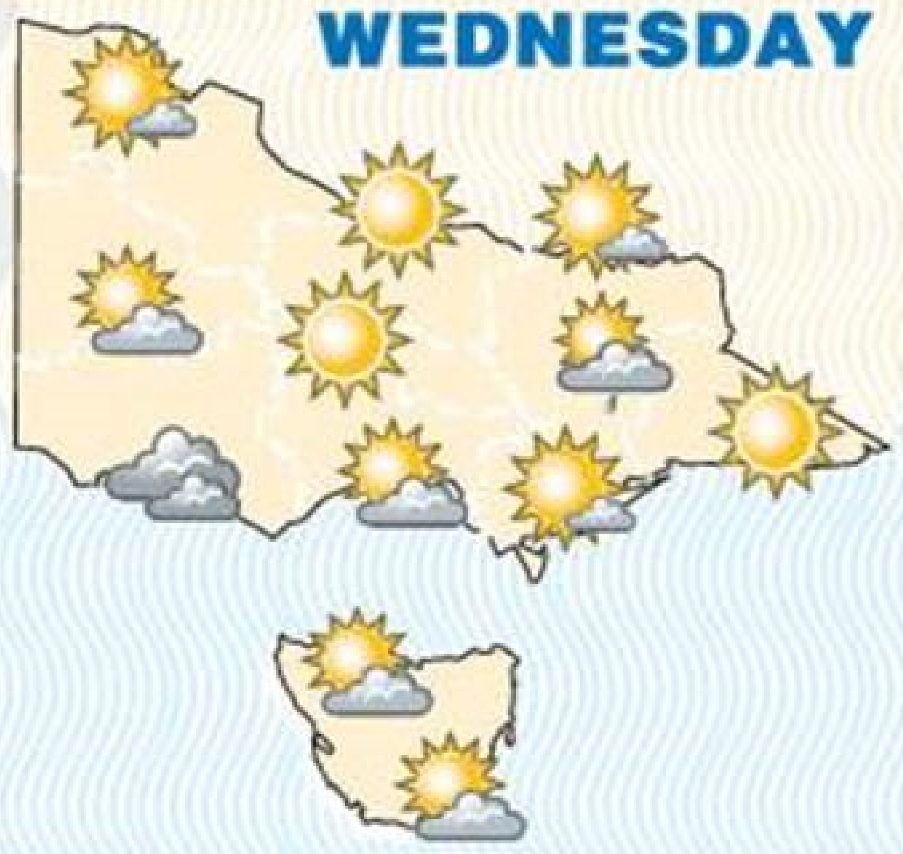
"Remember, the uncertainty of the meat industry now is concerning for us," John said.

He said in particular the "violent fluctuation" of meat prices was a concern.

"A few months ago, we were told that El Nino was appearing and didn't affect us at that stage, except the price of beef and lamb fell over dramatically to about $4 for dressed lamb and it's jumped back up."

"That's like one week getting a good wage, and the following week your employer says sorry we can't pay you this week. We as farmers can't operate like that."

WEDNESDAY

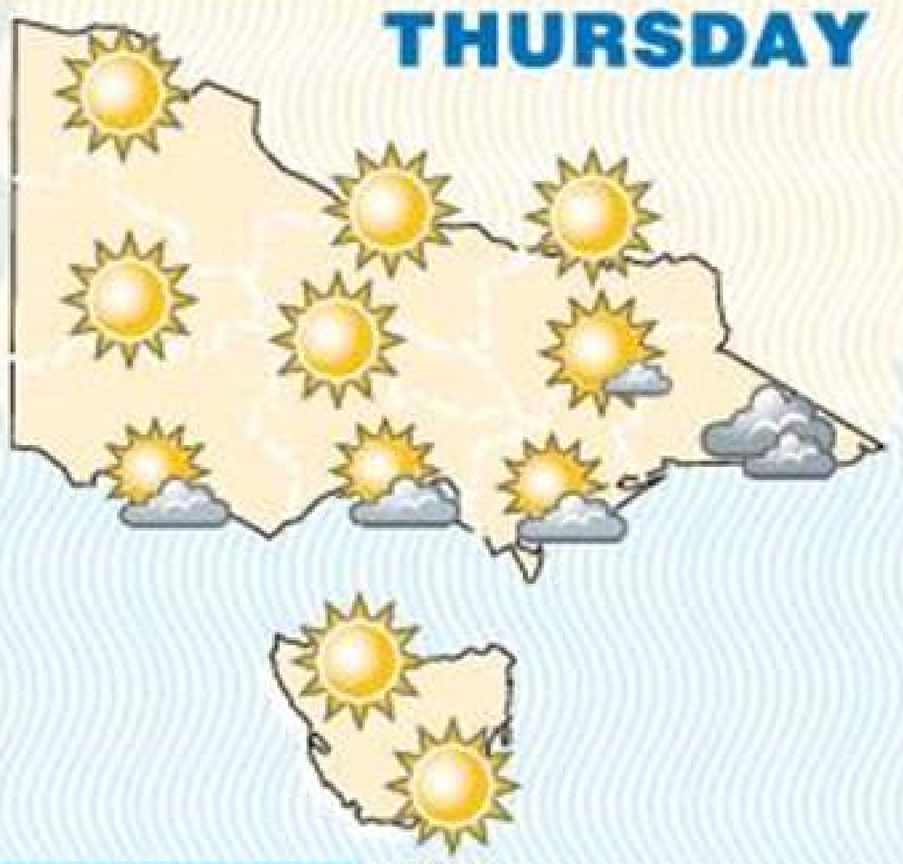


Prognosis chart

Victoria:
Warm across much of the State, mostly sunny N and partly cloudy S of the ranges. Mild in the SW. Isolated showers on and south of the ranges, mainly in the east. Chance of storms in East Gippsland. Light to moderate easterly winds shifting southerly afternoon.

Tasmania:
Light showers developing about the west morning, increasing afternoon and possibly extending S, then easing evening. Mainly fine elsewhere. NW winds shifting W later.

THURSDAY



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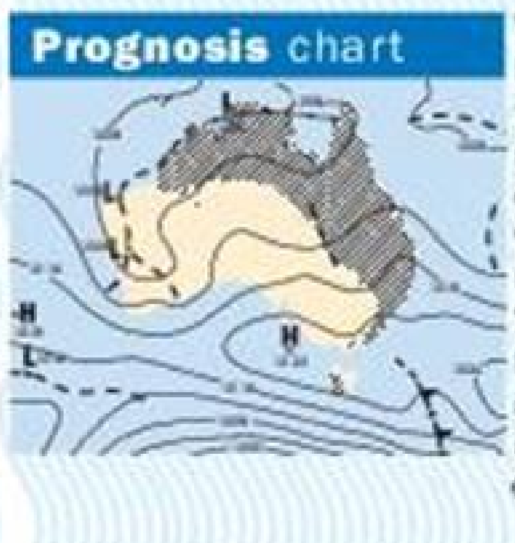
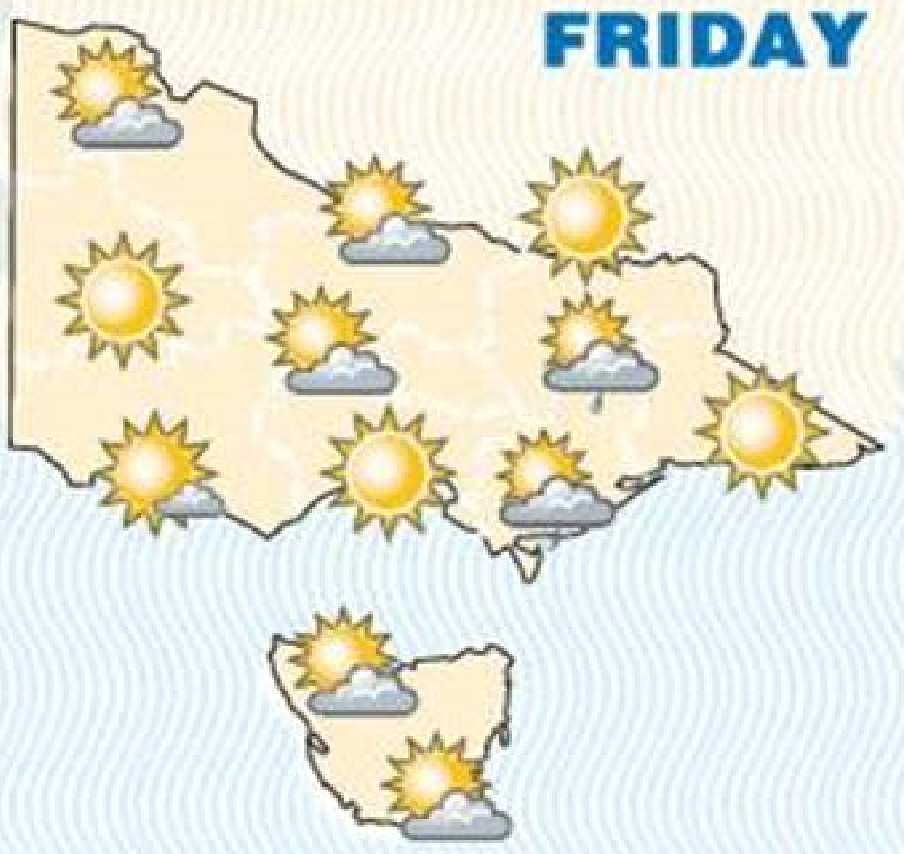


Victoria:
Mild in the south of the State, warm in the north. Dry and sunny north of the ranges. Isolated showers in the far east of the State. Light southeasterly winds becoming moderate in the afternoon.

Tasmania:
Fine apart from possible light showers about the west. Westerly winds, with afternoon sea breezes in the north and east.

FRIDAY



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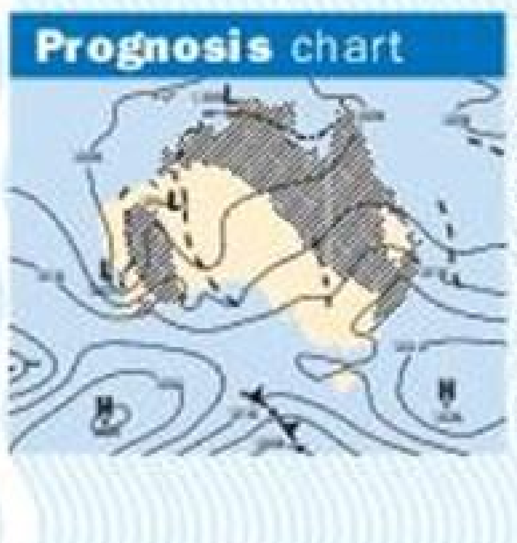

Victoria:
Hot across much of the State, warm in Gippsland. Isolated showers and the chance of storms in central and eastern districts and the Mallee. Light northerly winds shifting southerly in the evening.

Tasmania:
Fine. Westerly to northwesterly winds, with afternoon sea breezes.

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RAINFALL

Victoria's Rainfall (mm) at week ending January 08, 2024.

NORTH MALLEE: Annuello 42, Mildura 33, Murrayville 5, Ouyen 0.8, Redcliffs –, Walpeup MRS 22, Werrimull 39
SOUTH MALLEE: Beniwillock 25, Beulah –, Birchip (Woodlands) 14, Culgoa –, Hopetoun –, Lalbert –, Narraport –, Patchewollock –, Quambatook –, Rainbow –, Sea Lake 67, Swan Hill AWS 21, Ultima 54, Woomelang 53.
NORTH WIMMERA: Dimboola 54, Donald –, Jeparit 33, Kaniva –, Minyip –, Nhill AWS 31, Warracknabeal –, Warracknabeal Airport 51, Yanac North –.
SOUTH WIMMERA: Apsley 27, Ben Nevis 12, Drung Drung –, Edenhope Airport –, Everdley Hyd 41, Goroke 49, Harrow –, Horsham –, Horsham AWS 34, Kanagulk AWS 45, Longerenong 19, Mount William 92, Natimuk 81, Navarre Hyd 23, Rupanyup 5, St Arnaud 11, Stawell AWS 68.
LOWER NORTH: Boort –, Canary Island 71, Charlton –, Charlton AWS 25, Cobram 31, Cohuna –, Coonooer Bridge –, Echuca 76, Kerang 116, Korongvale (Dumbank) 48, Kyabram ISA 10.2, Rochester 78, Rochester Syphon 62, Wedderburn 93.
UPPER NORTH: Archdale Junction 24, Avoca –, Avoca Hyd 34, Bendigo AWS 126, Bet Bet 42, Dookie –, Dunolly 58, Elmore –, Goulburn Weir 30, Gowangardie Weir 51, Inglewood 85, L Eppalock 0.2, L Laanecoorie D/S 13, Murchison 64, Nattie Yallock –, Raywood –, Runnymede 99, Rushworth –, Shepparton AWS 95, Stanhope 24, Strathfieldsaye 120, Tatura ISA 77, Tungamah –, Yarrawonga 68.
LOWER NORTH EAST: Albury Ap 14, Angleside 75, Balquhain 122, Barnawartha –, Beechworth –, Benalla 83, Beningana 36, Biggara 44, Bobinawarrah 40, Broken Weir 121, Burrowye –, Charnwood 105, Cheshunt Hyd 121, Chiltern –, Corryong Airport –, Eldorado 41, Enderlee 116, Euroa –, Gibbo Park 62, Granite Flat 60, Greta Sth 71, Heronslea 115, Hillside 81, Hunters Hill AWS 58, Kelfeera 100, Koetong –, L Dartmouth 24, L Nillahcootie –, Loombah Res –, Mitta Mitta 25, Mongans Bridge 30, Moorngag –, Morella 83, Moroko Park 118, Mt Tabletop 104, Mt Wombat 137, Myrtleford –, Myrrhee Hyd –, Nariel Creek –, Osbornes Flat 38, P McQuins Weir –, Rocky Point 76, Rutherglen Research 31, Strathbogie 109, Strathbogie Nth 114, Tallangatta –, Tatong 110, Telfords Bridge 97, Violet Town Hyd 132, Walwa –, Wangaratta AWS 89, Warrenbayne 197, Waterhouse Res. –, Wodonga 22, Wrightley 108, Yackandandah –.
UPPER NORTH EAST: Archerton 60, Bright –, Bright Hyd –, Bridge Creek –, Dohertys 155, Ed Upper 13, Eurobin 24, Falls Creek AWS 98, Harrietville –, Harris Lane 75, Hinnomunjie 17, Jamieson 146, Joker Creek –, L William Hovell –, L Buffalo –, L Buffalo Hyd 63, Mansfield 72, Mt Buffalo 86, Mt Buller AWS 130, Mt Hotham AWS 21, Mt Hotham AP 34, Omeo 45, Rocky Valley 30, Tonga Bridge 99, Upper Buckland 56, Whitlands 116, Woods Point –.
EAST GIPPSLAND: Bairnsdale Ap 14, Bonang –, Bruthen 21, Buchan –, Buchan Hyd –, Bullumwaal 7, Cabbage Tree –, Cann River –, Chandlers Creek 14, Club Terrace –, Combienbar –, Combienbar AWS –, Dargo –, Delleknora –, Ensay 33, Gabo Is 9, Gelantipy AWS 60, Genoa –, Lakes Entrance 15, Lower Dargo –, Mallacoota AWS 11, McKillop's Bridge 43, Mt Nowa Nowa AWS 35, Orbost AWS 15, Pt Hicks –, Swifts Creek –, Tubbut –, Waterford 74.
WEST GIPPSLAND: Balook 31, Barkly River –, Boolarra South 49, Boolarra Hyd 51, Briagolong Hyd –, Callignee Nth Hyd –, Cowwarr Weir 34, Crooked River Hyd 74, Darnum 31, Drouin –, Erica 38, Foster –, Glenaladale 20, Glencairn 35, Glenmaggie Creek –, Jindivick 56, Koornalla 28, Korumburra –, L Glenmaggie 36, Labertouche –, Latrobe Valley 24, Leongatha –, Licola –, Lindenow –, Maffra 30, Mirboo North –, Mt Baw Baw AWS 26, Mt Moornapa AWS 33, Mt Tamboritha 54, Mt Tassie 30, Mt Useful 61, Murderers Hill 41, Pound Creek 30, Reeves Knob 78, Sale 16, Stratford Hyd 41, Stringybark Creek –, Tanjil Sth 46, The Channel 31, Thorpdale 16, Toora –, Traralgon EPA 29, Traralgon Sth 29, Valencia Creek –, Warragul (Nilma North) 52, Willow Grove –, Wilsons Prom 21, Yanakie 27, Yarram Airport 35.
EAST CENTRAL: Carrum 16, Cerberus AWS 37, Cheltenham 36, Coldstream AWS 149, Cranbourne –, Croydon –, Eltham 36, Epping –, Essendon AWS 54, Ferny Creek 95, Flemington –, Glen Waverley –, Healesville South –, Kinglake 91, Lilydale –, Main Ridge –, Melbourne Olympic Pk 57, Melbourne AP 61, Mitcham 68, Monbulk –, Moorabbin AWS 63, Mornington 64, O'Shannassy –, Oakleigh 25, Prahran –, Preston 59, Rhyll AWS 27, Rosebud 36, Scoresby AWS 65, Springvale 30, Toorourrong 85, Ventnor –, Viewbank 62, Warrandyte –, Wonthaggi 3, Yan Yean 120.
WEST CENTRAL: Altona –, Avalon AWS 40, Bacchus Marsh –, Ballan –, Bannockburn –, Barwon Heads GC 38, Blackwood 45, Blue Mountain –, Bullengarook –, Clifton Springs –, Durdidwarrah –, Fiskville –, Geelong Racecourse 31, Granite Rd 26, Lal Lal 21, Lancefield 105, Lara 33, Laverton AWS 35, Lerderderg Hyd 45, Melton Sth –, Meredith 32, Meredith (Darra) 17, Morrisons 38, Mt Hope –, Pollocksford 9, Queenscliff –, Ramsey –, Shelford Hyd –, Sheoaks AWS 20, Toolern Vale –, Wooloomanata 22.
NORTH CENTRAL: Alexandra –, Avenel –, Bonnie Doon –, Broadford –, Bullarto Sth 47, Cairn Curran 39, Castlemaine 15, Clunes 20, Clunes Hyd –, Daylesford 25, Eildon AWS 77, Flowerdale 162, Graytown –, Heathcote 179, Highwood –, Kilmore North –, Kilmore Gap AWS 123, Kyneton 101, Lake Eildon 110, Mangalore AWS 127, Maryborough 25, Marysville GC –, Redesdale AWS 138, Seymour 47, Strath Creek –, Taggerty 149, Tallarook 148, Trentham –, Vaughan 69, Wallaby Creek 99, Waterford Park 117, Woodend 86, Yandoit 77, Yarck 85, Yea 101.
WESTERN PLAINS: Ararat 67, Ballarat 28, Balmoral 54, Beaufort –, Cavendish –, Cressy –, Derrinallum 27, Dunkeld –, Glenthompson –, Inverleigh Hyd 15, Lismore 13, Mt Mercer 25, Rokewood 24, Skipton 25, Warrambine 14, Westmere 46, Wickliffe 11, Willaura 47
WEST COAST: Aireys Inlet AWS 16, Apollo Bay –, Beeac 12, Beech Forest –, Benwerrin 28, Birregurra –, Camperdown –, Cape Nelson AWS 28, Cape Otway 5, Caramut –, Casterton 23, Cobden 7, Colac 0, Coleraine –, Dartmoor 44, Forrest –, Gellibrand –, Hamilton AWS 32, Hawkesdale –, Heywood –, Koroit –, Lake Colac 19, Merino –, Mortlake AWS 27, Mt Cowley 6, Mt Gellibrand AWS 24, Mt Sabine 6, Nelson –, Nullawarre 49, Penshurst 9, Port Fairy AWS 18, Portland Ap AWS 40, Ricketts Marsh 11, Terang 42, Warrnambool AWS 91, West Barwon Dam –, Winchelsea 15, Wyelangta

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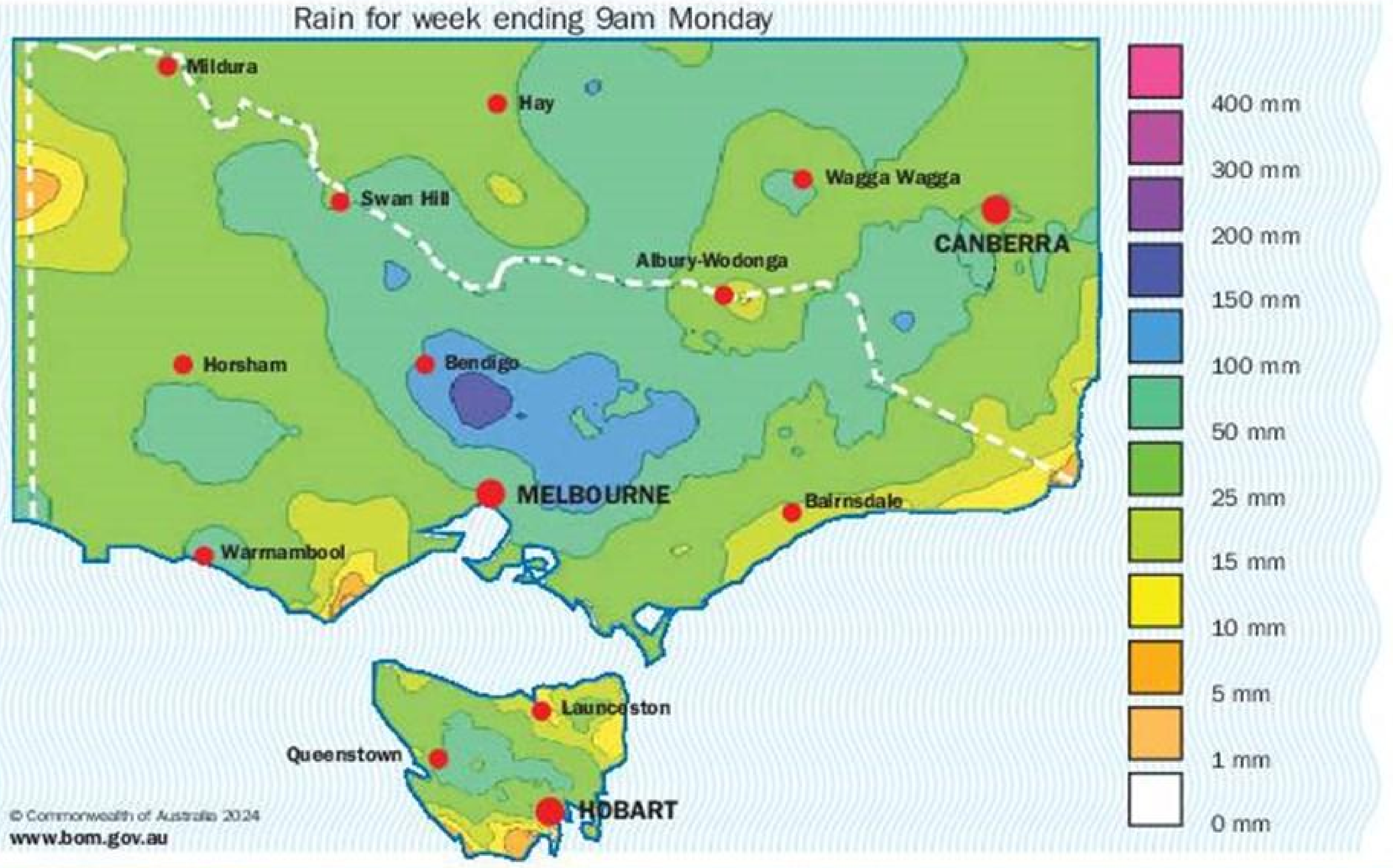

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WATER STORAGE

Reservoir	Capacity (ML)	Current (ML)	% full	Vol change	Last year (ML)
GOULBURN MURRAY WATER					
Dartmouth	3,856,232	3,774,867	98	4,142	3,843,739
Hume	3,005,157	2,584,873	95	-2,390	2,930,745
Mulwala	117,500	113,681	97	-1,051	116,487
Reedy/Middle	6,000	5,444	91	-234	6,267
Kangaroo Racecourse	39,200	37,274	95	397	37,058
Kow Swamp	51,710	49,056	95	901	42,870
Buffalo	23,340	22,563	97	-796	18,839
William Hovell	13,690	14,118	103	513	13,661
Nillahcootie	40,400	41,964	104	1,795	39,930
Eildon	3,334,158	3,309,194	99	44,121	3,313,252
Waranga Basin	432,360	416,502	96	10,560	401,390
Eppalock	304,650	312,517	103	36,977	301,907
Cairn Curran	147,130	128,894	88	1,109	145,824
Tullaroop	72,950	70,263	96	412	73,355
Laanecoorie	8,000	6,590	82	-1,020	7,960
Newlyn	3,012	2,707	90	-6	2,955
Hepburns	2,457	2,078	85	-21	2,359
TOTAL	**11,375,556**	**10,892,585**	**96**	**95,409**	**11,298,598**
COLIBAN WATER					
Lauriston	19,790	18,560	94	260	18,950
Malmsbury	12,034	8,482	70	328	10,542
Upper Coliban	37,770	36,822	97	275	37,572
TOTAL	**69,594**	**63,864**	**92**	**863**	**67,064**

Reservoir	Capacity (ML)	Current (ML)	% full	Vol change	Last year (ML)
SOUTHERN RURAL WATER					
Blue Rock	198,280	198,165	100	-366	199,350
Glenmaggie	177,640	170,247	96	4,525	160,289
Melton	14,364	14,354	100	39	14,260
Merrimu	32,516	30,365	93	29	30,582
Pykes Creek	22,125	22,130	100	-10	21,809
Rosslynne	25,400	23,003	91	33	25,261
TOTAL	**479,736**	**458,264**	**96**	**4,250**	**451,551**
GWM WATER					
Bellfield	78,560	73,690	94	-60	77,890
Fyans	18,460	16,460	89	-30	13,260
Lonsdale	53,300	45,540	85	-150	56,470
Moora	6,300	5,120	81	110	5,770
Rocklands	261,510	164,450	63	-1,130	195,930
Taylors	27,060	23,100	85	-90	26,280
Toolondo	46,215	30,980	67	-70	21,010
Wartook	29,300	24,670	84	-110	28,350
TOTAL	**522,405**	**384,010**	**74**	**-1,530**	**424,960**
MELBOURNE WATER					
Thomson	1,068,000	1,058,906	99	1,150	1,070,943
Overall total as of Monday January 08					
TOTAL	**13,515,291**	**12,857,629**	**95**	**100,142**	**13,313,116**

Tariff-free trade lifts lentils

NIKKI REYNOLDS

News that tariff-free access for lentils to India is set to continue until March 2025 could result in the crop earning more popularity in Australia.

Lentil prices were a shining light during the 2023 cropping year, with plenty of success reported throughout the Wimmera and Mallee.

Nugget lentils are trading at $910 a tonne, which means many farmers have opted to sell directly rather than store them on farm. In contrast, canola prices are looking lacklustre at $625 a tonne.

Initially, the tariff-free access would cease on March 31 this year. However, the extension has been welcomed by those in the cropping sector.

NSW Farmers grains president Justin Everitt from Brocklesby said the tariff-free extension was good for the industry.

NSW Farmers grains committee president and southern NSW cropping farmer Justin Everitt said any news of a tariff lift was brilliant, but this was especially good for the pulse industry. "It is great news for lentils," he said.

Mr Everitt said there had been some good results reported from people growing lentils and the crop served well in terms of offering rotational options.

"More people will probably consider lentils too, given the recent high prices," he said.

"It is something I have thought about.

"I have thought of putting lentils in," he said.

Mr Everitt said he wasn't sure if the soil type in his region was conducive, but he would consider the crop in future.

"We are always looking for that break-crop replacement," he said. Rupanyup grower and Grain Producers Australia southern region director Andrew Weidemann said 2023 had been a good year for lentils.

"It has been a real growth phase for the crop," he said.

And with prices constantly nudging more than $800 a tonne, he said more people would consider planting the crop.

"We have been growing lentils since 1996," he said.

Mr Weidemann said the news of the tariff-free access being continued, combined with reasonable prices, would encourage people to consider lentils for the 2024 sowing program.

He said the market to India was sensitive because more than 50 per cent of the country was involved in agriculture.

"It is a sensitive market, but the news on tariffs changes the political positioning too," he said.

Grains Australia Pulse Council chairman Peter Wilson said the tariff-free access to India was first initiated on October 13, 2021.

He said the zero-tariff extension presented as an opportunity for Australian growers.

Under the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement, tariffs on lentils had previously received a 50 per cent reduction in price.

China strength 'not a concern'

NICOLA BELL

There has been plenty of discussion about Australia being too reliant on China for barley exports.

But the latest data for the 2023 season grain exports (from November 2022 to October 2023) show China is Australia's biggest customer for wheat exports.

The UN Comtrade data compiled by Episode3 director and analyst Andrew Whitelaw found there was 31.2 million tonnes of Australia wheat exported in the season, with China taking 24 per cent, followed by Indonesia as the second-biggest buyer.

Mr Whitelaw said he didn't think China being such a dominant buyer was something we needed to worry about.

"They will buy based on price – trade flows will change, we just need to accept that," he said.

In terms of price, Mr Whitelaw said wheat prices were historically strong.

"The last couple of years have been unusual for Australia in that wheat prices have sat at a discount to the rest of the world due to big crops, but our wheat is now at a premium."

He said China had been buying a lot of wheat from Australia in the past couple of years, but it had switched to buying larger volumes from the US recently because it was now cheaper.

According to the latest Australian Bureau of Agricultural Economics and Sciences agricultural outlook report, released in December, the Australian wheat export price (Australian Premium White) is forecast to fall 6 per cent in 2023–24, averaging $490 a tonne.

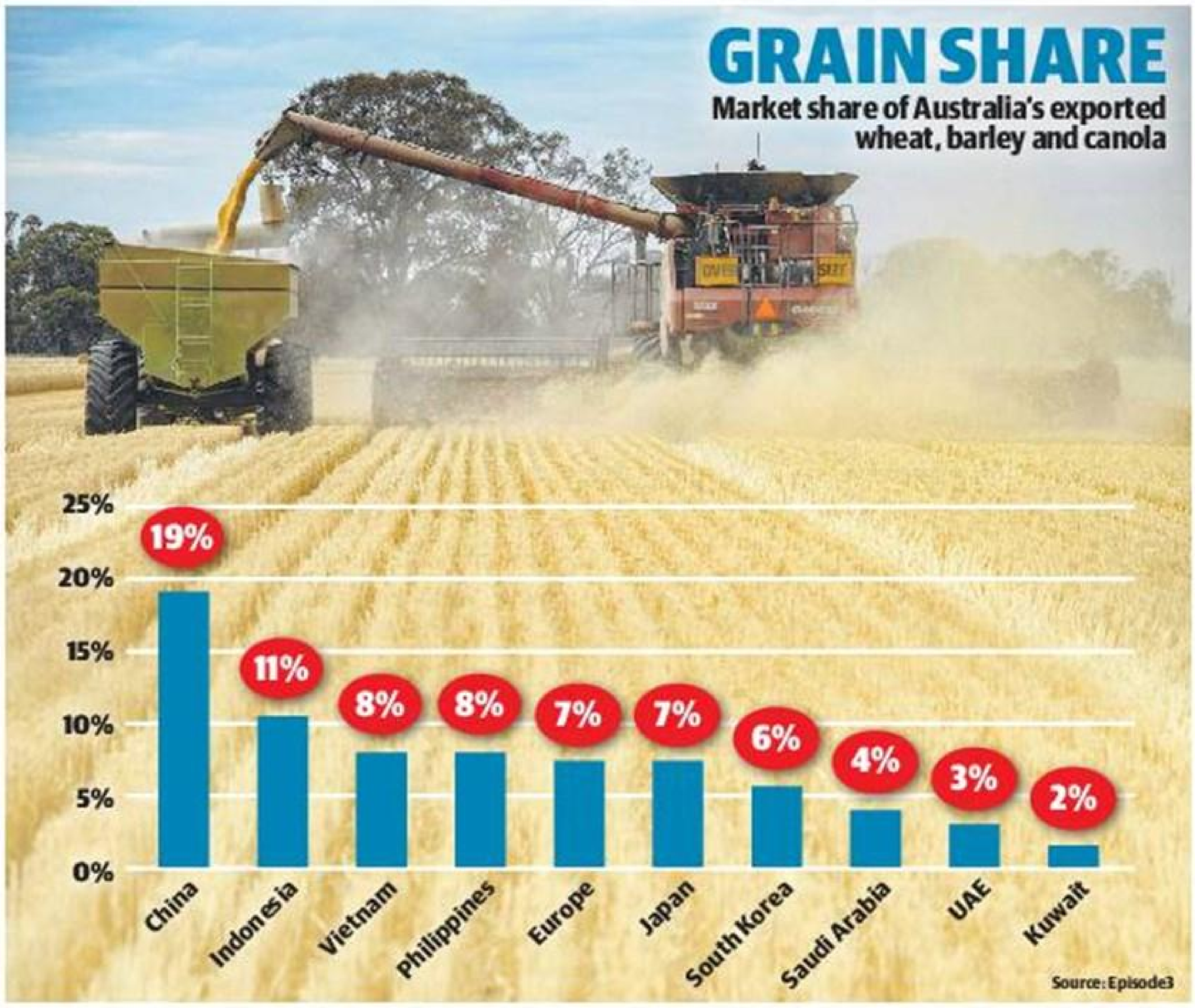
The report stated that wheat prices were expected to fall due to strong exports from the Russian Federation and easing global volatility relative to last year, despite expected lower production from major wheat-producing countries.

Following the removal of tariffs on Australian barley into China in August 2023, China took 1.09 million tonnes, or 14 per cent, of Australian barley and was the third-largest buyer of barley.

Saudi Arabia took the largest volume of barley at 1.8 million tonnes, or 23 per cent.

Mr Whitelaw said Germany and Belgium were the two biggest importers of Australian canola, followed by Japan.

"Everyone seems to be concerned about barley and our reliance on China, but if we add up the European countries taking Australian canola, over 57 per cent went to Europe." He said "grain will flow to those willing to pay the most".



GRAIN SHARE

Market share of Australia's exported wheat, barley and canola

Source: Episode3

Wave of WAND for growers

Nikki Reynolds
WITH THE GRAIN

More than 2400 grain and cotton growers and spray contractors across Queensland and NSW have signed on to an Australian-developed weather data system to help minimise spray drift and limit the damage it causes.

Grains Research and Development Corporation chemical regulation manager Gordon Cumming said the Weather and Networked Data (WAND) system helped growers understand when they could (and could not) spray by providing free real-time information and a two-hour nowcast of hazardous surface temperature inversions.

"Spraying during hazardous inversions can carry spray droplets several kilometres from the target area, damaging crops and native vegetation, which is where WAND comes in." WAND is the result of six years of collaborative research by GRDC and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation with the support of commercial partner, Goanna Ag.

■ A $10m state-of-the-art research centre, at Tamworth in northern NSW, will be the new headquarters for Australia's national chick pea breeding program. A joint initiative of GRDC and NSW Department of Primary Industries, the Chick pea Breeding Australia – Breeding and Research Centre was officially opened recently.

■ The date has been set for Innovation Generation for participants aged 18-35. It will run from July 23 to July 26, 2024, on the Gold Coast. Innovation Generation brings together the best and brightest speakers who are experts and leaders in their fields.

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Prices fall as demand eases

GRAIN TALK

As the summer rain has been falling over southeastern Australia, so, too, have prices for key commodities.

Since the third week of December and prior to the holiday slowdown in trading, APW wheat and BARI barley have fallen $17 a tonne for delivery to sites in the Geelong port zone.

APW wheat is quoted at $366 a tonne and BARI $302 a tonne on a port basis. This is an eight-month low for wheat prices.

Similarly, canola prices have slipped under $600 a tonne delivered to the port for the first time in four years and is quoted at $592 a tonne on a Geelong port basis. Ironically, these falls in prices coincide with a slowing pace in grower selling as weaker international demand is reflected in Australian markets.

European wheat and barley prices remain captive to the aggressive selling of stocks still up for sale in Russia and Ukraine.

However, the conventional flow of this Black Sea grain to Asian markets through the Suez Canal and into the Red Sea is under threat.

Most of this waterway is 300km wide but it narrows to a 20km strait as it abuts southern Yemen.

Here, Houthis rebels have launched rocket attacks on ships in the Red Sea and are demanding a halt to the nine years of fighting from the Saudi-led coalition that threatens their port city of Hodeidah.

Despite this, grain markets are showing little impact from the rebel activity as a strong US dollar and South American weather dictate price direction.

While patches of the key corn and soyabean-growing areas in Brazil have received normal rainfall in the past two weeks, most areas have received less than 80 per cent of their normal falls.

This has been enough for US futures on the Chicago exchange to soften.

In the past week, corn futures eased $6.30 a tonne and soyabean futures slipped 4 per cent, or $25 a tonne.

Canola futures in Paris and Winnipeg followed the lead from the US, falling $26 and $30 a tonne respectively.

Pulse markets opened the year in a mixed state, with field peas down $5 a tonne, desi chick peas down $10 and faba beans down $20. However, lentils were up $30 a tonne and kabuli chick peas up $50.

The recent concessions that opened imports of bulk shipments of field peas from Canada and Australia have changed the fortunes of some pulses traded within the complex substitution of pulses in India.

Growers south of the Great Dividing Range typically produce 13 per cent of Victoria's wheat and are struggling with rain. December rainfall in southwest Victoria has been between two and four times the monthly median.

In its newsletter released this week, Southern Farming Systems highlighted the frustrations of the southern harvest, with half of their trial plots yet to be harvested.

Many of their white wheat trial plots have sprouted, while most red wheat plots have not.

Since harvest began in November, they have experienced 16 harvestable days out of a total of 50.

– COLIN PEACE

Rain is causing problems for farmers in southwest Victoria.

CEREALS AND CANOLA

Price guide ($A/tonne) **Weekended January 9, 2024**

GST exclusive prices	Wheat H2	Wheat APW	Wheat ASW	Wheat AGP	Barley Malt 1 - PL1	Barley Spartacus (SP1)	Barley BAR1	Oats Milling	Oats Feed	Canola Non GM	Canola GM
VICTORIA											
Melbourne	420	397	365	357	370	360	362	632	370	630	610
Geelong	NA	385	345	345	360	NA	335	NA	NA	620	620
Portland	NA	385	345	345	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ouyen	345	323	285	275	280	276	276	546	284	549	519
Beulah	355	333	296	280	290	285	285	555	293	558	528
Murtoa	360	338	303	295	300	300	300	570	308	568	538
Ultima	352	330	293	285	290	290	290	560	298	558	528
Charlton	361	339	312	304	309	309	309	579	317	577	547
Dunolly	366	344	323	315	320	320	320	590	328	588	558
Hamilton	373	351	314	294	308	299	299	569	307	576	546
Westmere	370	348	318	310	315	315	315	585	323	583	553
Elmore	367	345	326	318	323	323	323	593	331	591	561
Murchison	368	346	328	320	325	325	325	595	333	593	563
Yarrawonga	358	336	301	293	298	298	298	578	306	566	536
Wycheproof	359	337	307	299	304	304	304	574	312	572	542
Trafalgar	397	375	375	367	372	372	372	642	380	653	623
SOUTH AUSTRALIA											
Adelaide	400	395	378	360	370	370	340	425	320	595	NA
Tailem Bend	366	362	362	344	334	334	324	470	304	579	549
Loxton	354	347	336	318	322	322	298	466	278	567	537
Pinnaroo	352	345	337	319	320	320	299	478	279	565	535
Millicent	355	348	344	326	323	323	306	467	286	568	538
NSW											
Port Kembla	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Narrandera	353	325	296	282	297	290	283	459	305	553	538
Lockhart	356	320	299	288	289	296	289	463	305	554	538
Oaklands	347	311	297	295	296	303	296	475	315	562	546
Henty West	355	319	298	291	292	299	292	459	305	557	538
Rand	352	316	295	292	293	300	293	468	308	560	540

Note: Cash prices are for 2023-24 season and based on the higher of capital city, port or upcountry price, less freight and compulsory charges.
Quality payments for protein, screenings and moisture may apply. Canola and barley prices are for product declared ISCC Sustainable.
All wheat, barley, oats and triticale grades are per Grain Trade Australia standards. Canola price is quoted at the base price for 42% oil.

HAY

Price guide ($A/tonne delivered) **Week ended January 9, 2024**

GST exclusive prices	Lucerne small bales Grade 1 (i)	Lucerne large bales (ii)	Pasture large bales (iii)	Cereal large bales (iv)	Vetch large bales (v)	Straw large bales (vi)
VICTORIA						
Swan Hill	595	405	270	305	365	130
Elmore	595	405	260	305	365	130
Horsham	625	385	250	305	350	130
Hamilton	615	395	225	290	350	120
Ballarat	605	385	235	290	350	120
Colac	605	425	240	335	370	155
Koroit	605	415	235	335	370	155
Shepparton	635	415	280	310	390	140
Wangaratta	635	415	280	315	390	145
Warragul	655	460	280	340	415	175
Sale	725	465	280	345	425	185
Melb (retail)	875	735	525	NA	NA	435
NSW						
Albury	650	430	270	330	380	145
Wagga Wagga	630	430	270	350	385	145
Finley	630	425	265	330	375	135
Forbes	660	430	305	350	415	150
Bega	715	535	405	420	455	245
SOUTH AUSTRALIA						
Mt Gambier	525	375	275	345	375	130
Naracoorte	510	355	265	320	350	115
Loxton	530	355	260	305	340	115
Murray Bridge	525	370	275	310	355	115

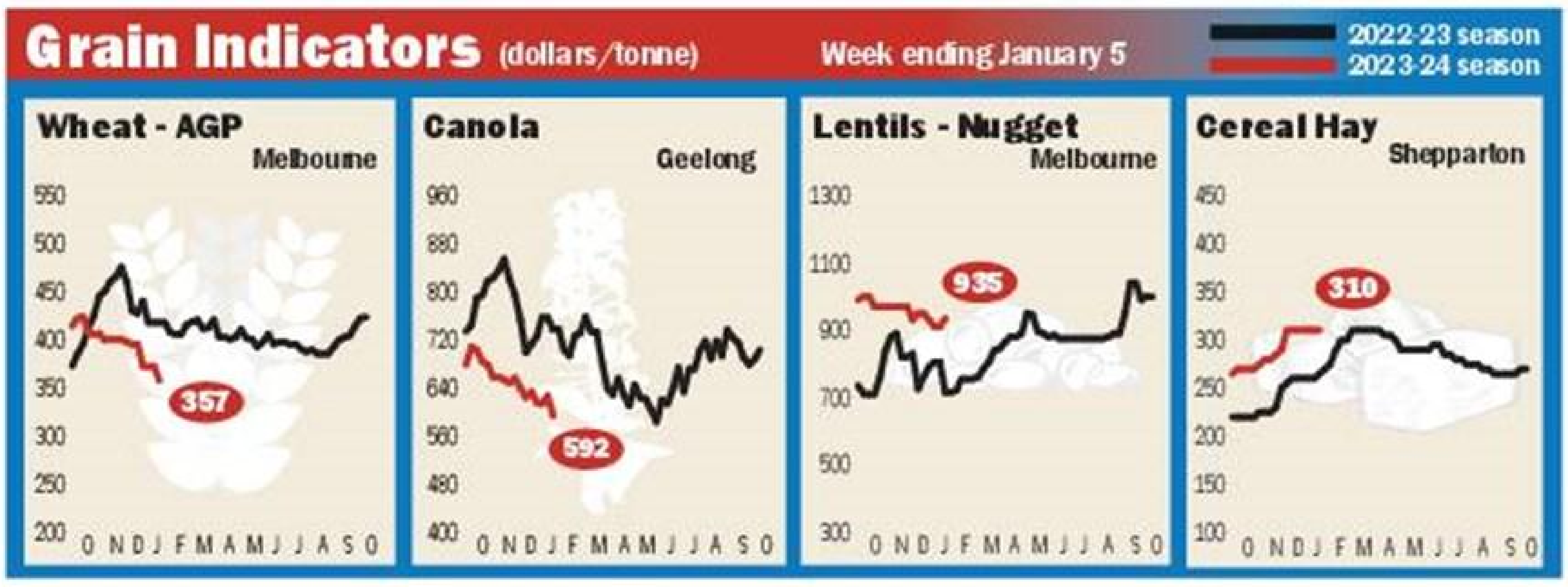
PULSES

Price guide ($A/tonne)

GST-exclusive prices	Lupins	Field peas	Chick peas (desi)	Chick peas (kabuli)	Lentils (nugget)	Faba beans
VICTORIA						
Melbourne	485	535	880	1075	935	490
Geelong	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Portland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Piangil	403	463	808	1008	853	423
Beulah	401	487	832	1032	851	447
Nhill	405	491	836	1036	855	451
Charlton	428	480	825	1025	878	440
Murtoa	419	505	850	1050	869	465
Elmore	442	492	837	1032	892	447
Hamilton	416	481	826	1026	866	441
Murchison East	445	495	840	1035	895	450
Yarrawonga	416	510	811	1006	866	421
NSW						
Port Kembla	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grong Grong	399	471	794	1006	849	404
Wagga Wagga	389	463	784	979	839	425
Oaklands	427	512	820	1026	875	430
Henty	421	506	808	1007	863	418
SOUTH AUSTRALIA						
Port Adelaide	450	495	820	1050	925	515
Murray Bridge	423	468	793	998	898	488
Bordertown	417	476	821	1021	892	482
Millicent	431	476	810	1010	906	496

Hay: Prices reflect quality traded each season typically. (i) 90% lucerne content, balance grasses, 35-45% leaf proportion by weight, green colour, fresh smell. Based on 40 bales a tonne. (ii) 70% lucerne content, balance grasses, 25-35% leaf proportion by weight, balance grasses and other species, bleached colour, good smell. (iii) 50% improved grasses, 50% clover, green colour, fresh smell. (iv) 85-100% cereal content, cut at milky dough stage, bright, fresh smell. (v) Cut with less than 10% of plants with pods and seeds, some sun or rain bleaching. (vi) Bright, dry, allow $8-10/tonne less for lower grade (composting and bedding use). Note: Paddock price approx. $12-15 a tonne below shed price. Prices are delivered destinations and exclusive of GST.

Pulses: Quality per Pulse Australia standards No.1 Grade minimum receival standard farmer dressed.


Grain Indicators (dollars/tonne) Week ending January 5

Summer storms cause new outlook for feed prospects

HAY TALK

The forecast this week suggests the summer storms are receding but the rain so far this summer will have a major impact on hay markets.

In early November, many livestock operators in southwest Victoria considered it a failed season with a poor fodder harvest and little prospects of late spring growth for summer and autumn feed.

Key livestock regions in South Australia, Victoria and southern NSW have received between two and three times their monthly rainfall in December and many have already received their January median rainfall.

The summer storms have caused an impressive turnaround for feed prospects.

With typical December median rainfall of 35mm, Mortlake received 64mm, Hamilton 90mm, Rokewood 130mm and Streatham 136mm.

Forage wheat crops sown near Lismore in September were the first to respond.

Once planted, summer forage crops of millet, brassica, chicory and plantain have flourished in the warm and moist conditions and many have been grazed already.

Similar stories are found on properties in East Gippsland, the Bega Valley and the Illawarra region near Nowra in NSW. Dairy farmers at Leitchville in northern Victoria are enjoying the break from irrigating their summer crops.

The 42mm that fell on Christmas Eve and the 76mm of last Sunday have been ideal for maize for silage. Lucerne stands have been cut twice for hay and some are now considering grazing their stands.

Water prices for temporary irrigation in the Victorian Murray system are as low as $70 a megalitre and are down to $32 a ML in the NSW Murray system.

One limitation for summer croppers in northern Victoria has been their ability to plant crops. Paddocks have been too wet for field work and paddocks may be held over for establishment of rye-grass in early autumn.

Hay sellers with full sheds will have more limited markets.

Compared to cereal hay, vetch and lucerne hay typically enjoy more consistent demand. Protein is often scarce in dryland paddocks of southern Victoria but the fresh growth this year will clip this demand.

Lower domestic demand for cereal hay will be the greatest fall out as summer demand for hay as a roughage will be restrained.

The timing of the autumn break will be the next signal for price direction.

Fortunately for oaten hay growers, the summer storms set up soil moisture for the next growing season and export hay demand remains strong.

– COLIN PEACE

For oaten hay growers, the storms set up soil moisture for the next growing season and export hay demand has stayed strong.

Dairy world flocks to Tatura

ALEX SINNOTT

A nationwide high school competition focused on farming will make its debut in an action-packed schedule for International Dairy Week.

The new educational initiative — Cows Create Careers — will take centre stage at Tatura for the annual event, which will kick off on Saturday.

More than 30 secondary school students from eight schools across Victoria, NSW and South Australia will compete for $3000 in prize money — participating in a series of challenges such as making a 60-second commercial, practical demonstrations and a treasure hunt.

Organisers of International Dairy Week have boasted an impressive line-up of judges for the 2024 event, which runs from Saturday to January 18.

The judging panel includes: Guernsey — Brian Leslie; Holstein — Canadian Barclay Phoenix from Ontario; Jersey — Nathan Thomas; Brown Swiss —Neil van Rensburg; Red and White — Nico Boris from the Netherlands; Ayrshire — American Kurt Wolf from Iowa; Illawarra — Brian Parker; Showmanship — Jessica Gavenlock; and Youth Show — Canadian Brian Carscadden from Ontario.

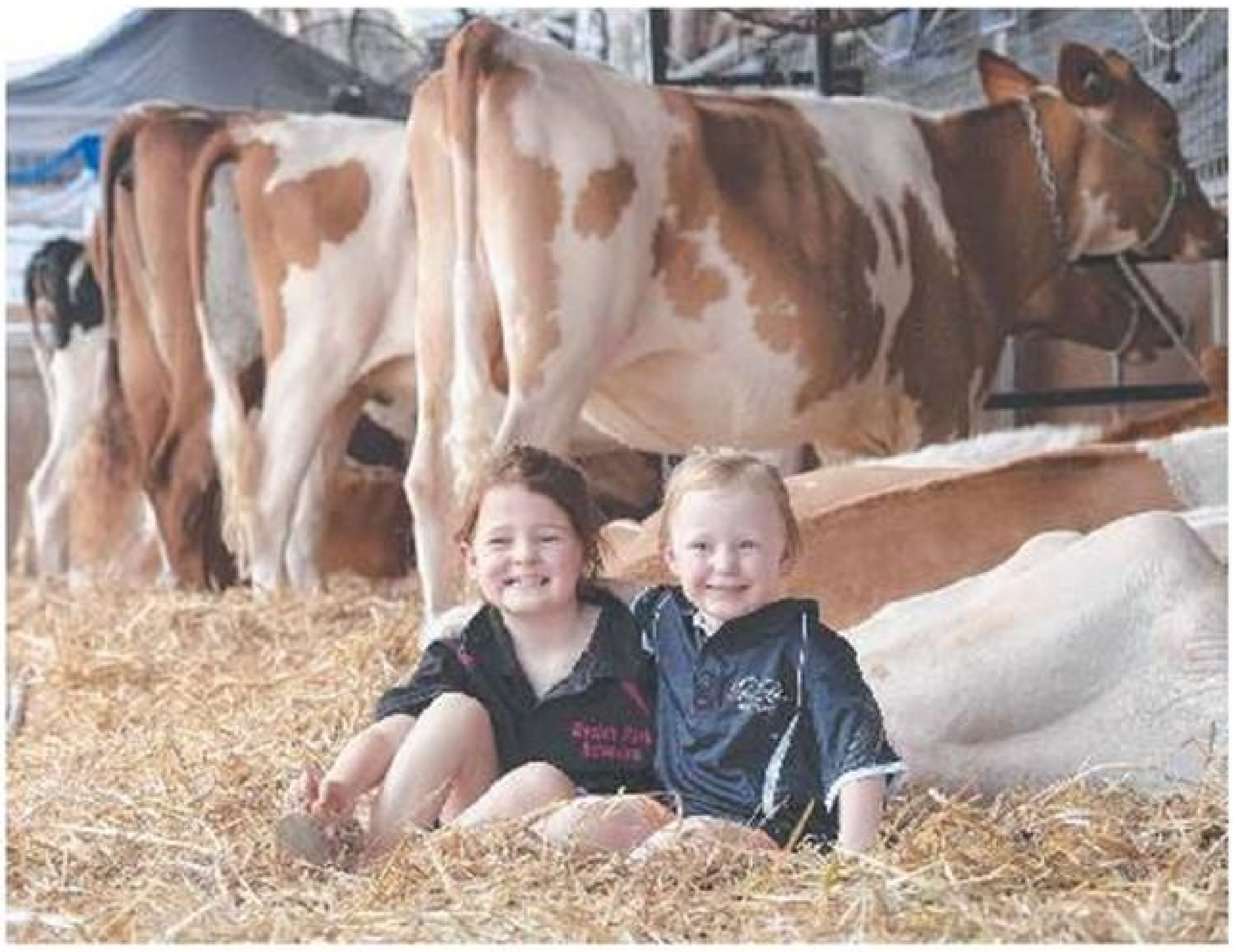
Monday is focused on the Red and Whites and Illawarras while Tuesday is Ayrshire, Guernsey, Brown Swiss and the Jersey heifer show.

The Jersey feature continues into Wednesday along with the national heifer show scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday is Holstein day followed by the crowning of the interbreed champions in the afternoon.

One of the key evening events for the week will be the Power of Women in Dairy function, headlined by Georgie Herbert — partner director at the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation.

The night will also include the Bette Hall Power of Women in Dairy Excellence Award presentation.



Cousins Lexi Osborn, 4, and Ava Fisher, 3, from Merrigum and Kyabram at Dairy Week in 2023. Picture: Zoe Phillips

President Joe's 2024 vision

ALEX SINNOTT

On the other side of the world, in the Oval Office, one President Joe clinched the top job after a 50-year path to power.

In a rectangular milking pit north of Brisbane, another president Joe has reached the apex of dairy advocacy after a similarly lengthy journey.

Joe Bradley was recently appointed president of eastAUSmilk, a cross-state lobby group representing both NSW and Queensland dairy farmers.

Mr Bradley got his start working for his father, Bill, in 1972. Today you will find him milking 230 Brown Swiss cattle at Dayboro, about 45km north of Brisbane. No stranger to representation, Mr Bradley has previously served as a local councillor and president of Brown Swiss Australia.

So when predecessor Matt Trace stepped down as eastAUSmilk president, Mr Bradley was more than qualified to take over the reins.

One of his main objectives for 2024 is keeping the farmgate milk price at a sustainable level for suppliers.

"There's a lot of talk about record farmgate prices. But there's record input costs too," he said.

"We have dairy farmers in Queensland leaving the sector because they're getting a reasonable price now and see the writing on the wall."

Gloucester NSW farmer Graham Forbes called in 2022 for Aldi, Coles and Woolworths to raise the price of generic milk to $2 a litre.

At the time, the big three supermarkets were charging $1.30 a litre – the generic price tag now sits at $1.60 a litre.

Mr Bradley said $2.50 a litre was not unreasonable given the impact of rampant inflation on the sector.

"When Graham (Forbes) said at the time $2 a litre, he was right. Over the past few years, that need to raise the price of generic milk has risen with inflation and you'd have to say now that $2.50 a litre is reasonable," he said.

"Particularly when you consider people will pay well above that per litre for bottled water or Coca-Cola or lemonade.

"The supermarkets are making record profits. Milk has played a part in those handsome profits. It's really time for them to drop the cheap milk campaign – it's done enough damage already to dairy farming."

The eastAUSmilk president said the challenges of retail and farmgate pricing correlated with the decline in Queensland, and ultimately Australian, dairy farmer numbers.

Back in 1980, the Sunshine State boasted 3052 dairy farms – which halved by the time of the 2000 deregulation.

Today, only 300 dairy farms are registered across the state, with Brisbane drinking a mix of home-sourced and NSW milk.

"If the numbers are anything to go by, deregulation wasn't just bad for Queensland. It was bad for every state," Mr Bradley said.

"Just look at the figures – we've got a national milk pool in free fall from 11 million litres now down to eight million litres and we're importing hundreds of tonnes of cheese and butter.

"In my part of the world near Brisbane, there were 64 dairy farmers in the 1980s and by 2000, there were 26 farmers. Now I'm the only one left in the area."

Mr Bradley recently met with Queensland Agriculture Minister Mark Furner to express his concerns but said government, banking and retail all played a role in the viability of dairy farming.

"Banks do not take into account the special circumstances of farmers and farming," Mr Bradley said.

"I know of several young people that want to make a go in dairy but you need the banks behind you all the way.

"When you state the obvious about dairy, some say you're 'talking down dairy'. My response is: 'The best way to talk up dairy is to up the farmgate price'."

Dairy farmer and lobbyist Joe Bradley is in favour of raising the price of generic milk by almost $1 per litre. Picture: Josh Woning

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A/c "Mundagil" Deniliquin (NUT)

250 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, Apr/May 23 drop, Oct shn, By Rodvale BL Rams, Mundagil brd

A/c "Telko" Mathoura (NUT)

225 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, Apr/May 23 drop, Nov shn, By Womboota Super Border Rams, Telko brd, Gudair Vacc.

A/c "Coree Station" Conargo (NUT)

200 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, Apr/May 23 drop, Nov shn, Coree Station brd

A/c "Macroom" Strathallan (A&B)

200 1st B/L Dohne X Ewes, Apr/May 23 drop, Nov shn, Macroom brd, Ex Calga ewes by Blackgate Rams

A/c "Creek View" Elmore (A&B)

100 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, Apr/May 23 drop, Sep shn, Creek View brd, By Bungaree B/L Rams. Gudair Vacc

A/c "Willunga" Hay (NUT)

75 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, May/Jun 23 drop, Dec shn, By Nelleona BL Rams, Willunga brd

A/c "Karoola Park" Bunnallo (A&B)

70 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, May/Jun 23 drop, Dec shn, Karoola Park brd, Ex Tarwong ewes by Black Gate Rams. Gudair Vacc

A/c "Rhylen" Hay (NUT)

65 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, Jan-Jun 23 drop, Oct shn, By Nelleona B/L Rams, Rhyen brd

1st X, Composite & Dorper Ewes 1980 HD

A/c "Carramar" Berrigan (ELD)

290 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, Aug/Sep 22 drop, Sept shn, By Dep P/D Rams 10/11, Ex Lachlan Poll Ewes, SIL

A/c "Creek View" Elmore (A&B)

200 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, Apr/May 22 drop, Sept shn, Creek View brd, By Bungaree B/L Rams. Gudair Vacc

A/c "Shamba" Deniliquin (NUT)

170 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, Oct 22 drop, Jun shn, By Saree BL Rams, Ex. Greendale bld Ewes

A/c "Lyrebarry" Carrathool (ELD)

80 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, Apr/May 22 drop, Sept shn, By Nelleona BL Rams, Lyrebarry brd

A/c "Lochiel" Berrigan (NUT)

280 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, Aug/Sept 20 drop, Feb shn, By Dunnield BL Rams, CRD, Gudair Vacc.

A/c "Glenanbra" Deniliquin (NUT)

250 1st B/L Merino X Ewes, May/Jun 19 drop, Sept shn, Dep. to PD Rams 21/09. TBS

A/c "Riverfarm" Hay (ELD)

500 Composite Ewes, May/Jun 21 drop, Aug shn, SIL to Manfred W/S Rams 18/10

A/c "Toopuntul" Hay (NUT)

250 Dorper Ewe Lambs, Feb-Apr 23 drop, Burrawang bld, Toopuntul brd

Fattening Lambs 3100 HD

A/c "Spring Plains" Wanganella (ELD)

800 1st W/S Merino X Lambs, Sep 23 drop, Unshn, Wattle Park bld, Spring Plains brd

A/c "Mathoura Stn" Mathoura (ELD)

750 1st W/S Merino Wth Lambs, Apr/May 23 drop, Nov shn, Induro bld, Mathoura brd, Mlsd

A/c "Coxan Plains" Nathalia (NUT)

200 P/D Merino X Lambs, Jul/Aug 23 drop, Jan shn, Coxan Plains brd

A/c "Rosemount" Violet Town (NUT)

650 2nd X Lambs, Jul/Aug 23 drop, Unshn, Rosemount brd

A/c "Red Hill Stn" Hay (NUT)

300 1st PD Merino X Lambs, Jun/Jul 23 drop, Dec shn, Red Hill brd

A/c "Thuragoona" Hay (ELD)

250 Mer Wth Lambs, May/Jun 23 drop, Nov shn, Alma/Collinsville bld, Thuragoona brd

A/c "Toopuntul" Hay (NUT)

250 Dorper Wth Lambs, Feb-Apr 23 drop, Burrawang bld, Toopuntul brd

A/c "Willunga" Hay (NUT)

75 1st B/L Merino X Wth Lambs, May/Jun 23 drop, Dec shn, By Nelleona BL Rams, Willunga brd

A/c "Rhylen" Hay (NUT)

65 1st B/L Merino X Wth Lambs, Jan-Jun 23 drop, Oct shn, By Nelleona bld Rams, Rhyen brd

Merino Ewes – SIL & DEP 5680 HD

A/c "Deep Lane" Barham (NUT)

800 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 22 drop, Aug shn, High Valley bld, WA brd. Dep to WS Rams. TBS

A/c "Bowen" Hay (ELD)

500 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Nov shn, Lewisdale bld, SIL to Manfred W/S Rams 1/11

A/c "Belmont" Barham (NUT)

300 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 22 drop, Oct shn, Triggervale bld, Belmont brd, Dep to WS Rams 07/11 to 12/12. TBS

300 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 21 drop, Oct shn, Triggervale bld, Belmont brd, Dep to WS Rams 07/11 to 12/12. TBS

200 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 20 drop, Oct shn, Triggervale bld, Belmont brd, Dep to WS Rams 07/11 to 12/12. TBS

200 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 18/19 drop, Oct shn, Triggervale bld, Belmont brd, Dep to WS Rams 07/11 to 12/12. TBS

A/c "Brassbutt" Hay (NUT)

300 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Sept shn, Pooginook bld, Brassbutt brd, Dep to WS Rams 16/10 to 10/12. SIL

200 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 21 drop, Sept shn, Pooginook bld, Brassbutt brd, Dep to WS Rams 16/10 to 10/12. SIL

A/c "Parra North" Deniliquin (NUT)

200 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 22 drop, Oct shn, One Oak bld, Prairie Home brd, Dep to PD Rams 19/10. TBS

A/c "Forrest Creek" Conargo (NUT)

180 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 22 drop, Nov shn, Caroonboon bld, Forrest Creek brd, Dep to PD Rams 04/12

A/c "Old Woperana" Finley (ELD)

130 Merino Ewes, May/Jun 23 drop, Aug shn, One Oak Poll bld, Wyholme brd, Dep to WS Rams 20/11. TBS

A/c "Bonnydoon" Conargo (NUT)

180 Mer Ewes, Apr/May 21 drop, Oct shn, Woodpark Poll bld, Montrose brd, Dep to PD Rams 06/10 to 04/12. SIL

A/c "Belvue" Deniliquin (A&B)

1000 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 18 drop, Sep shn, White River bld, Laig Stn brd, SIL to WS & PD Rams 1/11-7/12

A/c "Prairie Home" Deniliquin (NUT)

450 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 18 drop, Oct shn, One Oak bld, Prairie Home brd, Dep to PD Rams 30/10. TBS

A/c "Groongal" Carrathool (ELD)

400 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 18 drop, Aug shn, Bluebush Poll bld, Groongal brd. Dep W/S Rams 2/11. SIL

A/c "Sutton" Deniliquin (ELD)

340 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 18 drop, May shn, Lewisdale bld, WA brd. Dep P/D Rams. To lamb 01/03/24. TBS

Merino Ewes – 2022 Drop 4705 HD

A/c "Calleen Park" Deniliquin (A&B)

800 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Dec shn, Woolkibin bld & brd, Gudair Vacc, Mlsd, NSM

A/c "North Tuppal" Tocumwal (A&B)

720 Mer Ewes, Jul/Aug 22 drop, Nov shn, Bluebush/East Loddon bld, North Tuppal brd, Mlsd

A/c "Cocketgedong" Jerilderie (ELD)

500 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Dec shn, Cocketgedong bld & brd, Mlsd

A/c "Coota Pastoral" Deniliquin (NUT)

340 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Aug shn, Claypans bld, Hathaway brd

230 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Aug shn, Claypans bld, Pultney brd

A/c "Denken" Deniliquin (ELD)

330 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Aug shn, Performance AMS bld, Poltney brd

A/c "Lyrebarry" Carrathool (ELD)

300 Mer Ewes, Apr/May 22 drop, Sep shn, Lewisdale bld, Lyrebarry brd

A/c "Warrendale" Hay (ELD)

300 Mer Ewes, Apr/May 22 drop, Nov shn, East Lodden bld, Warrendale brd

A/c "Denken" Deniliquin (ELD)

270 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Aug shn, Lewisdale bld, Tyson brd

A/c "North Coree" Jerilderie (ELD)

240 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Dec shn, Woodpark bld, North Coree brd, NSM

A/c "Goolgumbla" Jerilderie (ELD)

200 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Jul shn, Goolgumbla bld & brd, Mlsd

A/c "Alma" Booligal (ELD)

150 Mer Ewes, Apr/May 22 drop, Jul shn, Alma bld, Alma & Yamba brd, NSM

A/c "Summit Farms" Nathalia (ELD)

150 Mer Ewes, Jul/Aug 22 drop, Dec shn, Willandra bld, Summit Frams brd, Mlsd, NSM, Gudair Vacc.

A/c "Werrina" Deniliquin (NUT)

110 Mer Ewes w/ 110 Mer Lambs at Foot, May/Jun 22 drop, Oct shn, Caroonboon bld, Werrina brd

A/c "Nyntee" Hay (ELD)

65 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 22 drop, Dec shn, Alma bld, Nyntee brd

Merino Ewes – Mixed Age 3180 HD

A/c "Glengowen" Deniliquin (A&B)

720 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 21 drop, Sept shn, Collinsville bld, Glengowen brd, Mlsd, NSM

A/c "Nyntee" Hay (ELD)

165 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 21 drop, Dec shn, Alma bld, Nyntee brd

A/c "Lyrebarry" Carrathool (ELD)

400 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 19/20/21 drop, Setp shn, Wanganella bld, Lyrebarry brd

A/c "Singorimbah" Deniliquin (ELD)

500 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 20 drop, Sept shn, Goolgumbla bld, Singorimbah brd

500 Mer Ewes, Jun/Jul 19 drop, Sept shn, Goolgumbla bld, Singorimbah brd

A/c "Rosebank" Moulamein (Property Dispersal) (NUT)

210 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 19/20 drop, Nov shn, Poll Boonoke bld, Rosebank brd

120 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 18 drop, Nov shn, Poll Boonoke bld, Rosebank brd

A/c "Nyntee" Hay (ELD)

165 Mer Ewes, May/Jun 17 drop, Dec shn, Alma bld, Nyntee brd

A/c "Sandhills" Deniliquin (ELD)

400 Mer Ewes, 16/17 drop, Aug shn

Merino Ewe Lambs 1100 HD

A/c "Singorimbah" Deniliquin (ELD)

1000 Mer Ewe Lambs, Jun/Jul 23 drop, Unshn, Goolgumbla bld, Singorimbag brd

A/c "Boomagong" Tocumwal (NUT)

100 Mer Ewe Lambs, Apr/May 23 drop, Sept shn, Pooginook bld, Boomagong brd, Gudair Vacc.

Merino Mixed Sex Lambs 300 HD

A/c "Singorimbah" Deniliquin (ELD)

300 M/S Lambs, Sept 23 drop, Unshn, Goolgumbla bld, Singorimbah brd

Merino Wethers 15,420 HD

A/c "Spring Plains" Wanganella (ELD)

2000 Mer Wth Lambs, Jun/Jul 23 drop, Unshn, Spring Plains bld & brd

A/c "Willurah" Conargo (ELD)

1200 Mer Wth Lambs, Jun/Jul 23 drop, Nov shn, Willurah bld & brd

A/c "Oakville" Conargo (ELD)

1200 Mer Wth Lambs, Jun/Jul 23 drop, Dec shn, Goolgumbla bld, Oakville brd, Mlsd

A/c "Tchelery" Moulamein (ELD)

1000 Mer Wth Lambs, May/Jun 23 drop, Nov shn, Alma/Collinsville bld, Tchelery brd

A/c "North Run" Wanganella (ELD)

1000 Mer Wth Lambs, May/Jun 23 drop, Oct shn, North Run bld & brd

A/c "Yamba" Booligal (ELD)

1000 Mer Wth Lambs, Apr/May 23 drop, Oct shn, Alma bld, Yamba brd

A/c "Red Hill Stn" Hay (NUT)

1000 Merino Wth Lambs, Jun/Jul 23 drop, Dec shn, Wanganella bld, Red Hill brd

A/c "North Tuppal" Tocumwal (A&B)

720 Mer Wth Lambs, Jul/Aug 23 drop, Nov shn, Bluebush/East Loddon bld, North Tuppal brd, Mlsd

A/c "Coulpataro" Booligal (ELD)

700 Mer Wth Lambs, Jun 23 drop, Oct shn, Poll Collinsville bld, Coulpataro brd

A/c "Irroy" Conargo (ELD)

700 Mer Wth Lambs, Jun/Jul 23 drop, Nov shn, Woodpark bld, Irroy brd, Mlsd

A/c "Warrendale" Hay (ELD)

600 Mer Wth Lambs, Apr/May 23 drop, Nov shn, East Lodden bld, Warrendale brd

A/c "Alma" Booligal (ELD)

500 Mer Wth Lambs, Apr/May 23 drop, Oct shn, Alma bld & brd

A/c "Woolamie" Maude (ELD)

500 Mer Wth Lambs, May/Jun 23 drop, Sept shn, Alma bld, Woolamie brd

A/c "Amaroo" Conargo (ELD)

450 Mer Wth Lambs, Jun/Jul 23 drop, Nov shn, Caroonboon bld, Amaroo brd, Mlsd

A/c "Prairie Home" Deniliquin (NUT)

450 Mer Wth Lambs, May/Jun 23 drop, Unshn, One Oak bld, Prairie Home brd

A/c "Coxan Plains" Nathalia (NUT)

340 Mer Wth Lambs, Jun/Jul 23 drop, Dec shn, Woodpark bld, Erin brd

A/c "Boomagong" Tocumwal (NUT)

300 Mer Wth Lambs, Apr/May 23 drop, Sept shn, Pooginook bld, Boomagong brd, Gudair Vacc.

A/c "Hebronvale" Caldwell (NUT)

300 Mer Wth Lambs, May/Jun 23 drop, Sept shn, Hebronvale bld & brd

A/c "Thuragoona" Hay (ELD)

250 Mer Wth Lambs, May/Jun 23 drop, Nov shn, Alma/Collinsville bld, Thuragoona brd

A/c "Willurah" Conargo (ELD)

250 Mer Wth Lambs, May/Jun 23 drop, Nov shn, Kerri Kerri bld, Willurah brd

A/c "Forrest Creek" Conargo (NUT)

250 Mer Wth Lambs, May/Jun 23 drop, Nov shn, Caroonboon bld, Forrest Creek brd

350 Merino Wths, May/Jun 22 drop, Nov shn, Caroonboon bld, Forrest Creek brd

A/c "Narringa" Hay (NUT)

210 Merino Wths, Jun/Jul 22 drop, Nov shn, Willandra bld

A/c "Summit Farms" Nathalia (ELD)

150 Merino Wths, Jul/Aug 22 drop, Dec shn, Willandra bld, Summit Frams brd, Mlsd, Gudair Vacc.

A/c "Golden Pines" Tocumwal (ELD)

6 Border Leicester Rams, 2yrs old, Nov shn

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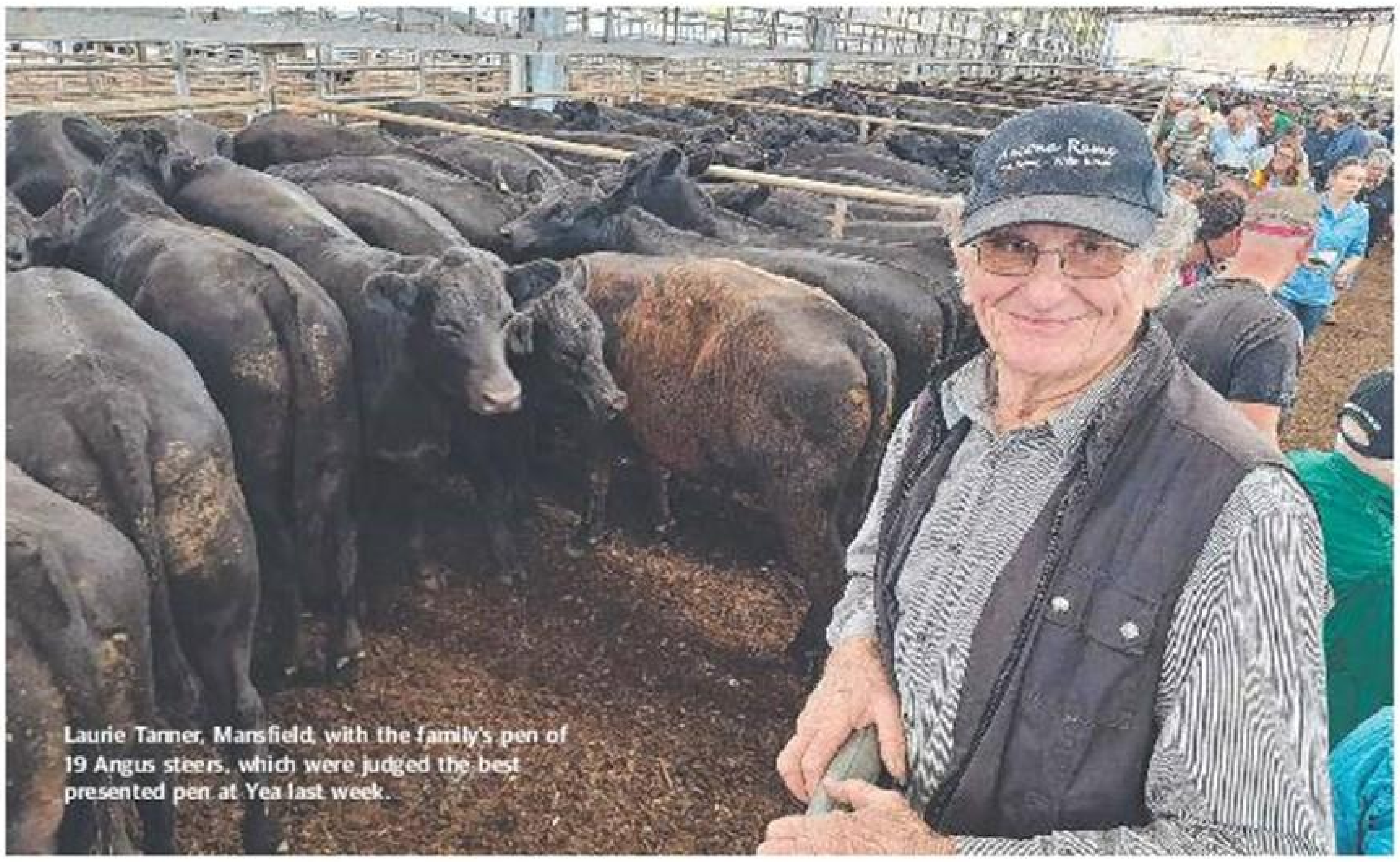
Yea buyers rein in spending


Laurie Tanner, Mansfield, with the family's pen of 19 Angus steers, which were judged the best presented pen at Yea last week.

YEA

Heavy Angus steer calves trended at 330c/kg liveweight at Yea last week in a market where buyers were strong, but controlled with their money.

The feature yarding of 2764 weaners, sold by Nutrien, averaged $1030 for steers and $735 for heifers, according to data from OutCross, which manages transactions for the selling centre.

The sale was deemed on par with the strongest Angus sales recorded at Wangaratta and Wodonga earlier in the week, although there were some subtle changes to how buying played out.

The heaviest Angus steers at Yea received the best support, with premiums for lighter calves not as evident.

The opening laneway of steer calves, which weighed from 330kg to a top of 418kg, sold to $1320 three times and averaged 330c/kg liveweight, based on figures analysed by The Weekly Times.

The Broderick family was one of the vendors to receive $1320 for 22 Angus steers that had been weaned and weighed 418kg, returning 315c/kg. They sold to a local Mansfield buyer, with demand at the sale underpinned by local North East and Gippsland bullock orders, rather than northern backgrounding demand.

Commission buyers Andrew Lowe, Duncan Brown, and Campbell Ross attended and purchased cattle.

The middle run of Angus steers sold from 310c/kg to 350c/kg to also average about 330c/kg, based on figures tallied by The Weekly Times, as buyers stayed in a consistent pattern of $950 to $1150 for most of these calves.

Nutrien auctioneer Tyson Bush said buyers had set price limits and held to these.

"Everyone had their own price mark, and that was pretty evident from up on the (selling) rail," he said.

"As an example, there was a northern buyer who would go to $970 or so, but you couldn't punch them out much more as they weren't going to go over $1000," he said.

Nutrien Mansfield agent Jamie Beckingsale was a volume buyer of Angus steers for bullock clients and said trading figures couldn't support much more money than was paid at Yea.

"We've got a lot of bullocks going out now at $1800 and $1900, so the changeover from spending $1100 to $1300 on replacements is not really enough, being mindful that a lot of people have come off a period of selling finished cattle for less than what they paid for them (12 to 18 months ago)," Mr Beckingsale said.

Mr Bush agreed price averages for the good Angus steers at Yea were as good as hoped in the current environment.

"It was a consistent sale and above expectations by a touch – it certainly wasn't silly, but it could have been a lot tougher," he said.

But the same positive sentiment didn't apply to the Hereford and European-cross steers in the Yea yarding.

Some agents declared it was the "harshest discounting they had seen in years" across the whiteface run.

The Hereford steers tracked at 280c/kg and less, keeping the majority of sales under $950.

A pen of 10 heavy Herefords at 410kg sold for $1050 or 256c/kg.

Mixed quality and limited numbers were arguably factors that worked against these breeds on the day, with about 85 per cent of the yarding well-bred lines of Angus.

In the heifer section, the lead pens of Angus sold from 250c/kg to 290c/kg to be tracking just over 260c/kg.

But the top heifer price of $1170 was for 20 Speckle Park calves from the vendor Jowenba, which weighed 382kg and attracted a bidding duel between two breed fanciers, which took them over 300c/kg.

At the other end of the scale, there were light Hereford heifers at $440, which, on the weight displayed, made less than 200c/kg.

The majority of Angus heifers sold between $700 to $950.

The best presented pen of heifers bred by Andrew Fern, Banool at The Highlands, sold for $1030 on a weight of 349kg to a feedlot buyer.

— JENNY KELLY

THE YARDSTICK

Andrew Fern, Yea
Received the best presented pen for Angus heifers, which sold for $1030.

"All this rain has helped the market a bit, and we had a good sale on the day with the heifers at 295c/kg and steers at 355c/kg. It's as good as it can be for the way things have been in the cattle market."

Gerald O'Halloran, Yea
Paid $990 for young Angus steers and said he had been cautious with his spending.

"The carcass price for finished cattle is only around 500c/kg, and you've got to watch that. There is plenty of feed around, but it is the returns for slaughter cattle, which is keeping the store market in control."

Tyson Bush, Nutrien auctioneer, Yea
Buyers had set price limits, which made for a steady rather than exciting sale.

"Everyone had their own price mark, and that was pretty evident from up on the (selling) rail … It was a consistent sale and above expectations by a touch for the heavy Angus … but it could have been a lot tougher."

TOP LOTS

WEANER STEERS
Broderick Family: 22 Angus, 418kg, weaned, $1320 (316c/kg).
A Virgonia: 17 Angus, 387kg, weaned, $1320 (341c/kg).
*S Tanner:*19 Angus, 405kg weaned, $1300; 16, 346kg at $1160 (335c/kg).
Naranguring: 14 Angus, 391kg, weaned, $1290 (330c/kg).
North Central Ag: 16 Angus, 387kg, weaned, $1290 (333c/kg).
Campsie Glen: 13 Angus, 381kg, weaned, $1290 (339c/kg).
GW&ME Oliver: 23 Angus, 385kg, weaned, $1280 (332c/kg); 24, 335kg at $1140 (340c/kg).
J&JB O'Halloran: 21 Angus, 353kg, weaned, $1280 (363c/kg).
B&D Buckland: 13 Angus, 384kg, weaned, $1270 (331c/kg).
Bardon Park: 20 Angus, 359kg, weaned, $1270 (354c/kg).
Yencken Pastoral: 21 Angus, 408kg, $1250 (306c/kg).
L&M Bennett: 22 Angus, 378kg, weaned, $1220 (323c/kg).
A&D Freeman: 23 Angus, 375kg, weaned, $1190 (317c/kg).
P Trowbridge: 21 Angus, 330kg, $1150 (348c/kg).
Chartwell Farms: 21 Angus, 344kg, weaned, $1140 (331c/kg); 18 at 322kg, $1040 (323c/kg).
BM&MM Griffiths: 18 Angus, 331kg, $1100 (332c/kg).
D Chisholm & Sons: 10 Hereford, 410kg weaned $1050 (256c/kg).
J Marshman: 21 Hereford, 341kg, weaned, $970 (284c/kg); 22, 326kg at $926 (284c/kg).
R&k Elliott: 12 Charolais cross, 306kg, $840 (275c/kg).

WEANER HEIFERS
Jowenba: 20 Speckle Park, 382kg, $1170 (306c/kg).
AS,LJ&RD Fern: 18 Angus, 349kg, weaned, $1030 (295c/kg); 10, 292kg at $790 (271c/kg).
Staplecross Farms: 23 Angus, 345kg, weaned, $945 (274c/kg).
A&D Freeman: 17 Angus, 344kg, weaned, $940 (273c/kg).
Cathedral Pastoral: 11 Angus, 342kg, weaned, $910 (266c/kg).
L&M Bennett: 12 Angus, 357kg, $900 (252c/kg).
Bardon Park: 24 Angus, 313kg, weaned, $900 (288c/kg).
Campsie Glen: 24 Angus, 348kg, weaned, $880 (253c/kg).

Mixed results at Mortlake, but heifers on rise

MORTLAKE

Mortlake cattle sale had mixed results.

Numbers fell short of the predicted monster yarding of 7000 weaners at Mortlake last week in a mixed result where heavy lines were dearer and lighter cattle were cheaper.

But the big improver during the sale of 5715 cattle was heifers, which were up to 50c/kg dearer than pre-Christmas rates, according to National Livestock Reporting Service reporter Sheona Lamb.

In her analysis of the market, Ms Lamb said:

HEAVY Angus steers made 288-340c/kg liveweight.

MEDIUM weight Angus steers sold from 270c/kg to 341c/kg.

LIGHTER Angus steers made 248-336c/kg.

Ms Lamb quoted black baldy steers sold from 280c/kg to 310c/kg, but there was a discount for whiteface cattle, with Herefords making 265-290c/kg.

The sale's best steer rate was 340c/kg, while the top heifer price was 323c/kg.

The top cents-a-kilogram price was paid for a pen of weaned Angus steer calves weighing 380kg from Steel Family Ag, with the 10- to 11-month steers returning $1292.

Competition lifted when it came to heifers, compared with the sale a month earlier, with Angus heifers making from 246c/kg to 332c/kg for the heavier weights.

Light and medium weight Angus heifers sold from 204c/kg to 328c/kg.

The NLRS reported black baldy heifers sold from 216c/kg to 260c/kg and whiteface cattle again took a price hit, with Hereford heifers making from 170c/kg to 234c/kg liveweight.

The best heifer price on a cents-a-kilogram basis was 323c/kg paid for a pen of 26 Angus heifers, EU accredited, nine- to 10-months, weaned and weighing 339kg sold by R Hapworth and V Jones.

These heifers returned $1122.

Ms Lamb reported a large buying gallery attended from all over Victoria, southern and northern NSW, South Australia and southern Queensland.

— FIONA MYERS

Vendors $13.4m in the black

ANGUS WEANERS

A huge lineup of almost 13,000 Angus calves sold for $13.4 million in just two days as the northern Victorian weaner sales stamped their mark on the new year calf sales circuit.

Sales over two days at Wodonga and one at Wangaratta drew big offerings ranging from 3300 Angus weaners at one sale up to 5200 at another as the dominance of the breed showed.

But in an interesting trend, the averages from each of the sales were within $40 of each other, and the two sales on the first day – one at Wodonga and then the second at Wangaratta – were within $1.

Elders Albury livestock manager Brett Shea said there had been good results for Angus steer weaners, especially at Wangaratta.

"This Angus sale at Wangaratta has become a real feature of the first week of weaner offerings in North East Victoria, offering big runs of quality," he said.

In results collected by The Weekly Times, five pens of pure Angus made $1300 or more, and all were above 400kg liveweight.

Honours for the top result of $1370 went to Seaton Park-Deepdale, with its pen of 17 Angus, which at 426kg made $1370 or about 322c/kg liveweight.

And while M and J Scott sold a pen of 25 steers, 430kg, for $1375 (320c/kg), these were slightly older at 12-14 months.

One of the big offerings was at Wangaratta, where Davilak Pastoral Company, Mansfield, sold 746 Angus steer weaners.

The weaners, which were Glendaloch blood, had been Coles carbon assessed and were eligible for the Coles Carbon Neutral program.

This worked in their favour, as a Coles buyer acquired several pens for grower suppliers, who will then finish the weaners for this specific market.

The top pen of the Davilak steers made $1245 as the Jalna Feedlot at Anakie bought 144 Angus weaners in one hit. The five pens of steers, which ranged from 360kg to 376kg, returned 302-346c/kg.

The whole draft averaged $1099 or 340c/kg.

Davilak's Rodda Manning said the weaners averaged the same weight as they did in 2020, where prices back then averaged 313c/kg.

"We had a wet winter and we battled them through, and then they turned the corner in spring until the end of November," Mr Manning said.

Another major vendor at Wangaratta was Dennis Heywood, who sold 738 mixed-sex weaners to $1285, with his top pen of 48 weighing 417kg to return 308c/kg.

Angus steer weaner prices gained momentum by the second day of offerings, with this sale averaging the highest at $1070.

Independent analysis of this sale at Wodonga by the National Livestock Reporting Service showed:

330kg-400kg steers made 288-344c/kg to average 324c/kg.

280-330kg steers made 300-376c/kg to average 350c/kg.

200-280kg steers made 348-388c/kg to average 375c/kg.

In the heifer weaner offering from the same sale:

330-400kg made 238-286c/kg to average 267c/kg.

280-330kg made 233-293c/kg to average 264c/kg.

200-280kg made 255-290c/kg to average 270c/kg.

Buyers across all three sales came from as far away as Goondiwindi and Toowoomba in Queensland, and northern NSW, while feedlot support was also strong. Local buyers were active.

– FIONA MYERS

Brett Shea from Elders, with Jan Griffiths and Dennis Heywood, Everton, who sold 738 Angus weaners at the Wangaratta weaner sale last week.

Drop in cattle prices 'disappointing'

It's the annual pay cheque for cattle producers like Dennis Heywood who sold more than 700 weaners at last week's sales.

And it was a major blow that the rates weren't higher.

Mr Heywood, who runs an Angus breeding operation, sold 452 Angus steer weaners to a top of $1285 and an average of $1131, while his 286 heifers sold to $950 and averaged $864.

"You can go back through the results from two years ago and our calves averaged $2400," Mr Heywood said.

"The results are good compared to pre-Christmas rates, but they certainly aren't good overall."

Mr Heywood said he had a gut feel the north (northern NSW and Queensland) would be stronger.

"Perhaps it was too early for them in terms of the growth after the rain," he said.

"But it is also about the supermarkets and processors not putting out prices yet, and that is holding the job (store sales results) back.

"Why would you go out and spend money when you have no idea what you are going to get at the other end?"

Mr Heywood said he had hoped his best calves would have made $1350, and averaged 350c/kg liveweight.

"Christmas is definitely over for cattle producers," he said. "Thankfully we did get those good rates a couple of years ago that allowed us to do some fencing and put up a shed or two ...

"I understand why buyers don't think they can spend any more but it is still pretty disappointing."

– FIONA MYERS

THE YARDSTICK

Barry Nankervis, Wooragee

The Nankervis family sold 50 Angus steers and heifers including a pen of 20 steers, 356kg, for $1200 or 337c/kg.

"Prices finished the year strong and we were hoping that rise would continue. It makes you think about a couple of years ago though (high prices) and I wonder if we will see them again."

Peter Homann, Elders national livestock manager

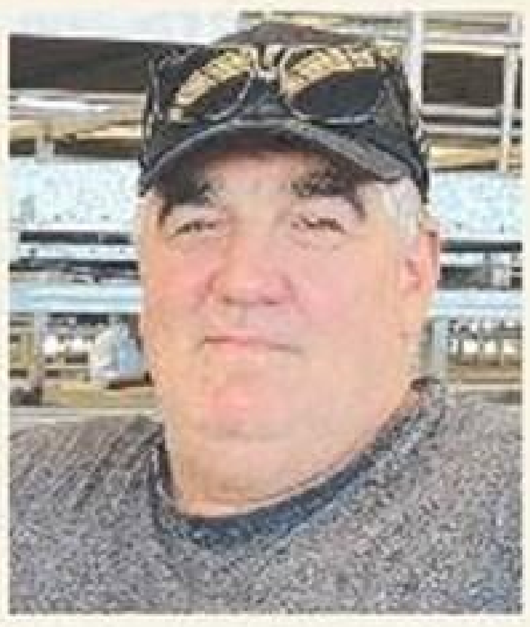
Bought cattle for clients.

"There has been northern competition at the sales but there are a lot of cattle to be sold through the weaner sales in the next couple of weeks. I would think that the furtherest south some of the northern (NSW and Queensland) buyers will head is Yea."

Trevor McGuffie, Buffalo River

Sold 60 Angus steer weaners that were weaned, with one pen weighing 423kg selling for $1220 (288c/kg liveweight).

"The market had steadied late last year and was rising a bit. I don't think we will see the kinds of prices we saw three years ago. You can make money at the moment but only if you are breeding cattle, not trying to trade them."



Frank Caponecchia, Myrtleford

Sold Angus steers and heifers to a top of $1190.

"I was hoping the sale would be up like the rises we saw before Christmas. Last year, we got $1700 for our steers and the year before, it was $2200. So it is a fair bit back."

Jeff Garland, Grant Daniel Long, Toowoomba, Queensland

Bought 620 cattle over three days, paying an average of 299c/kg for Angus and 292c/kg for Herefords.

"We could operate at these price levels for both Angus and Herefords. Some will go straight to a feedlot while others will go out on feed."

David Gillett, Grafton, NSW

Commission buyer who bought hundreds of cattle over the four days of sales.

"These are some of the best cattle I've seen. They have gone to buyers either side of the NSW and Queensland border. The people I'm buying for have had a good season. We would like to buy weaned cattle if possible."

Black baldy steer pens shine

Two days of sales of whiteface and coloured cattle across Wodonga and Wangaratta produced a $7.1 million return for vendors at last week's weaner sales.

The offering of 7263 calves at three separate sales comprising Herefords, black baldies, Charolais-cross and other Euro-cross cattle, brought overall averages ranging from $974 to $988.

It was a repeat of the trend in the Angus weaner sales earlier in the week, with all three sale results within $14 of each other.

Black baldy steers dominated the tops of the results across these sales, with C Healy selling a pen of 12 weighing 426kg for $1315 (309c/kg liveweight), the only one to make $1300 or more.

Biting at the heels though was Granite Flat Pastoral, with a pen of big, unweaned black baldies that made $1290 to return 332c/kg for vendor Ann Walsh, from Mitta Mitta.

The National Livestock Reporting Service attended the first of the three coloured sales and its analysis showed:

330-400kg Hereford steers averaged 296c/kg.

280-330kg Hereford steers averaged 287c/kg.

330-400kg black baldy steers averaged 306c/kg.

280-330kg black baldy steers averaged 324c/kg.

330-400kg Euro-cross steers averaged 296c/kg.

280-330kg Euro-cross steers averaged 307c/kg.

The best result for Herefords was M and J McNamara, who sold 23 whiteface weaners, 355kg, for $1285 to post one of the best cents-a-kilogram results for the week, at 362c/kg.

Each of the three sales had a best presented pen for whiteface cattle, with the three recipients offering their steers as headline acts for their breed.

COLOURED WEANERS

At the first Wodonga coloured sale, honours went to David Trethowan, from Cookardinia in NSW, whose pen of 50 Herefords, 382kg, made $1205 to return 315c/kg.

At the Wangaratta sale the same day, it was Brooklyn Pastoral Company from Mansfield that received the sash for its pen of 32 Herefords at 358kg, which made $1120 at 313c/kg, while at Wodonga's second coloured sale, Sleigh Pastoral at Jerilderie, NSW, was judged the best with its pen of 360kg Herefords which made $1100 (360kg, 306c/kg).

Trevor Ralston, from Euroa, sold Hereford weaners for $900-$980, well down on the $1800 he received last year and the more than $2200 he was paid in 2022.

"This year I'd hoped to get $1100-$1200," Mr Ralston said.

"When prices were at $2200, they were probably at boiling point, but they should not have come back as far as they have."

A pen of Black Simmental-cross steers scooped one of the best overall prices across the coloured offerings, with the tops of the steers from the Parker family, of Glencoe Pastoral Company at Holbrook in NSW, selling for $1225, which at 430kg returned 285c/kg.

Another of the better results was posted by J and E Terrill, who sold 16 Euro-cross weaned steers for $1260 (427kg, 295c/kg).

Results for heifers were also down compared to Angus results earlier in the week.

A snapshot provided by NLRS of the first offering of coloured females showed:

330-400kg Hereford heifers averaged 272c/kg.

280-330kg Hereford heifers averaged 243c/kg.

330-400kg Euro-cross heifers averaged 258c/kg.

280-330kg Euro-cross heifers averaged 258c/kg.

— FIONA MYERS

Vendor happy at $4 a day

Prices may be well back on the previous two years, but $4 a day is not a bad return, according to one vendor.

David Trethowan, from Cookardinia in NSW, sold Hereford steer weaners last week at Wodonga, with the top pen of 50 making $1205.

At 382kg, they made the equivalent of 315c/kg liveweight.

Mr Trethowan had a different take on working out whether this was a good result or not, based on the amount the steers earned since they were born.

At 300 days old, the $1205 for the tops meant these steers returned $4 a day, and according to Mr Trethowan "we can make money at that".

His family runs a herd of horned Hereford cattle in southern NSW, and while last week's returns were far from even what they achieved last year (an average of 494c/kg liveweight or $1975) let alone the year before, he was still happy enough with the results.

"We won't get rich in a hurry with these prices, but we won't get poor in a hurry either," Mr Trethowan said.

"We are breeding and selling these cattle for the next bloke (buyer) to make money as well, and we can't be top of the tree all the time."

Previous buyers have given Mr Trethowan feedback on his steers, which have sometimes gone to a feedlot, but at other times have been turned off as grass-finished bullocks.

"They tell me they have been able to get them off at 600-700 kilograms and still with their milk teeth," he said.

The steers came from a herd of about 350 cows, which are joined to bulls Mr Trethowan breeds himself, using semen to artificially inseminate select cows to produce sires.

The pen was judged the best of the whiteface cattle at day three of the weaner sales at Wodonga.

— FIONA MYERS

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David Trethowan. from Cookardinia, NSW, made it three in a row when his pen of Hereford steers won the best presented whiteface cattle on day three of the Wodonga weaner sales. They sold for $1205 and at 382kg returned 315c/kg.

Robert Hiscock, Pyalong

Sold Hereford steer weaners, 328-363kg, for $990-$1095, or 302c/kg.

"I said two years ago when I got $2300 (for steer weaners) that prices were madness and I reckon I was the only one. Last year prices were OK. I was told to expect about $1000 and I averaged just over that."

Tony Reardon, Brooklyn Pastoral, Mansfield

Won best presented pen of whiteface cattle at Wangaratta. The Hereford steers, 311-358kg, made $910-$1120 and returned 293-313c/kg liveweight.

"These steers are properly bred and properly weaned. We've been on Glendan Park bloodlines for at least six years now. We want to breed the best stock we can."

TOP LOTS — HONOUR ROLL

These are 50 of the best prices at Wodonga and Wangaratta last week for weaner steers.

Seaton Park-Deepdale: 17 Angus, 426kg, $1370 (322c/kg).
Mercieca Pastoral Company: 24 Angus, 414kg, $1325 (320c/kg).
C Healy: 12 black baldy, 426kg, $1315 (309c/kg).
A Wallace: 22 Angus, 427kg, $1310, (307c/kg).
C Boyd and Son: 20 Angus, 440kg, $1300 (295c/kg).
A&J Simpson: 19 Angus, 389kg, $1290 (332c/kg).
Granite Flat Pastoral: 14 black baldy, 408kg, $1290 (317c/kg).
Spring B Estate: 25 Angus, 393kg, $1290, 328c/kg.
D Heywood: 48 Angus, 417kg, $1285 (308c/kg).
M&J McNamara: 23 Hereford, 355kg, $1285 (362c/kg).
OzTrust Grazing: 52 Angus, 377kg, $1275 (338c/kg).
K,P,M&B McPherson: 44 Angus, 399kg, $1270 (318c/kg).
Fairlea Farms: 33 Angus, 387kg, $1270 (328c/kg).
S Johnston: 8 black baldy, 399kg, $1260 (316c/kg).
J&E Terrill: 16 Euro-cross, 427kg, $1260 (295c/kg).
Pulitano Pastoral: 23 Angus, 371kg, $1255 (338c/kg).
J&J Maddock: 23 Angus, 390kg, $1255 (322c/kg).
Est GL Peterkin: 30 Angus, 389kg, $1255 (323c/kg).
Rylin Pty Ltd: 23 Angus, 411kg, $1255 (305c/kg).
Woolshed Creek Pastoral: 22 Angus, 392kg, $1250 (319c/kg).
G&D Macaulay: 46 Angus, 386kg, $1250 (324c/kg).
Davilak Pastoral Company: 144 Angus, 350-376kg, $1245 (331-346c/kg).
Grifforan: 26 Angus, 394kg, $1245 (316c/kg).
Granite Flat Pastoral: 14 Angus, 403kg, $1240 (308c/kg).
M&E Turner: 13 black baldy, 404kg, $1240 (307c/kg).
P&C Klippel: 40 Angus, 383kg, $1230 (321c/kg).
Hanna Pastoral: 24 Angus, 358kg, $1230 (344c/kg).
J Williamson: 18 Angus, 370kg, $1230 (332c/kg).
Waverley Farming: 38 Angus, 378kg, $1225 (324c/kg).
Glencoe Pastoral Company: 21 Black Simmental-cross, 430kg, $1225 (285c/kg).
McGahy Pastoral: 40 Angus, 386kg, $1220 (316c/kg).
McGuffie: 6 Angus, 423kg, $1220 (288c/kg).
H Reynolds and son: 30 Angus, 364kg, $1220 (335c/kg).
Hocking Mulwood: 17 black baldy, 392kg, $1220 (311c/kg).
McKenzie McHarg: 40 Angus, 377kg, $1215 (322c/kg).
H&J Purcell: 19 Angus, 370kg, $1210 (327c/kg).
Jarvis Pastoral: 43 Angus, 359kg, $1210 (337c/kg).
R&D Snaith: 18 Angus, 388kg, $1210 (312c/kg).
K&C Tankard: 8 Charolais-Angus, 432kg, $1210 (280c/kg).
D Trethowan: 50 Hereford, 382kg, $1205 (315c/kg).
M&E Roche: 25 Angus, 360kg, $1200 (333c/kg).
Cold Springs Pastoral: 51 Angus, 378kg, $1200 (317c/kg).
Eurella Pastoral Company: 20 Angus, 374kg, $1200 (321c/kg).
G&M Wood: 26 Angus, 381kg, $1200 (315c/kg).
A&D Scott: 14 Angus, 321kg, $1200 (349c/kg).
Nellshire Pty Ltd: 17 Angus, 373kg, $1200 (322c/kg).
Coomnakilla Farm: 18 Angus, 369kg, $1200 (325c/kg).
Heatherlie: 13 black baldy, 404kg, $1200 (297c/kg).
Loxley Pastoral: 23 Angus, 376kg, $1195 (318c/kg).
Mercieca Pastoral Company: 18 Angus, 362kg, $1195 (330c/kg).

West is best for weaners

HAMILTON

The opening Hamilton steer sale on Monday shot to the top of the calf price rankings as more rain and impressive quality led to dearer outcomes across all weights.

The 3859 all Angus weaner yarding sold to a top of $1518 and posted an average of $1141 to be $30 ahead of the best Angus results recorded in the North East at Wodonga and Wangaratta last week.

The Western District calf sales do operate a little differently, in that all calves are curfewed and weighed and bidding is in cents-a-kilogram liveweight.

The average liveweight cost for buyers at that first sale was 331c/kg to show an improvement of about 20-30c/kg on the consistent results of 300c/kg to 310c/kg recorded across multiple store sales last week.

Repeat buyers, stronger bidding for heavy steers, and some decent premiums for the main lines of European Union-accredited Angus were all factors that fed into the overall dearer market at Hamilton.

David Tuppen, with his uncle Phil Canavan, of Raheen at Myamym, who sold 83 EU-accredited steers at the Hamilton weaner sale on Monday, including a pen of 46, weighing 347kg for 340c/kg liveweight.

Highlighting all this was the top price of $1518 achieved by breeder Michael Coffey, Coffey Partnership near Port Fairy. The pen of 25 Angus calves weighed a hefty 426kg, was EU accredited and sold to local repeat buyer, agent Michael Kerr.

While premiums for EU calves are often debated at these markets, there was a clear price gain of 10-20c/kg for any well-bred lines of steers suiting this closed supply system, with demand led by processor Thomas Foods International, followed by the Princess Royal Feedlot.

Bidding for the best EU steers – and there was a lot of them in this sale – often started at 320c/kg and went upwards, although feedlots did not always win the bidding.

The big pen of 71 EU Angus steers from Camp Creek, average weight 365kg, started at 330c/kg and went to 350c/kg or $1277.50. They were bought by noted beef producer John Wyld, of Koolomurt, who is a regular attendee at these markets.

Other repeat buyers to operate included Gippsland agents Terry Ginnane, Nutrien Leongatha, PPHS Naracoorte, and local agencies including JM Ellis and Kerr and Co.

It was southern demand that dominated the flow of the auction, with the few northern orders that were in attendance finding it difficult to purchase at the higher rates plus transport.

Buyers did try and pull back prices to around 310c/kg once off the lead runs of steer calves, but there was enough buying depth to ensure prices often built to 320c/kg-plus.

Auctioneer for Lanyons, Warren Clarke, said the market held its form right through.

"It was unbelievably consistent," he said.

"I don't think there was much under 300c/kg and if it was the calves were not very pretty."

For the record, there was some odds and sods towards the end of the sale that went down to 230c/kg, but buyers needed 310c/kg-plus to be competitive on the main run.

With the exception of a couple of NSW orders that stepped in and bought limited numbers, northern orders were sidelined by the higher prices.

Elders agent Bruce Redpath said it looked like buyers would have to re-evaluate if they wanted to be players in the Western District this week.

"There was that many orders out there at 300c/kg for 300kg calves, but we are 30c/kg behind the job today plus freight," he said.

Weight could also be problematic for northern buyers operating to budgets, with most of the calves weighing more than 320kg. In fact, the yarding averaged 1kg heavier than a year ago, with only a limited number of calves under 280kg.

— JENNY KELLY

THE YARDSTICK

Josh Lennon, Bach Ag, Inverell, NSW

NSW buyer who attended Wodonga and Yea last week before travelling on to Hamilton this week.

"The stronger rates (at Hamilton) are quality driven as well as rain. I still think my average will be around $1000 and with $84 freight we will still be in the ballpark, as we want to land them home for under $1100. We are getting 340c/kg for feeder steers so we are trying to buy close to that rate. There is still a lot of pain out there from buying steers at $2400 and selling them at $1400 and we are one of those — it's why you are not seeing people jump over each other to buy cattle now. It seems like people have set a rate and are sticking to it a lot more than they did (in past years). I know we are a lot tighter with our purchases than we were 12 months ago."

Michael Coffey, Coffey Partnership, Port Fairy

Sold Angus steers to $1518 at Hamilton or 356c/kg for EU-accredited calves weighing 426kg.

"The last sale I saw was in November and there was only a handful of cattle that made 300c/kg and there wasn't much weight in them. To have heavy steers reach 356c/kg today shows the job is certainly on the rise. I think most people agreed that the market got too quiet (in the spring) but you can't blame people for not taking any chances after it was predicted to get very hot and dry, but things have turned out very differently."

Will Richardson, HF Richardson, Colac

Was one of the southern agents to purchase Angus steers from Hamilton on Monday.

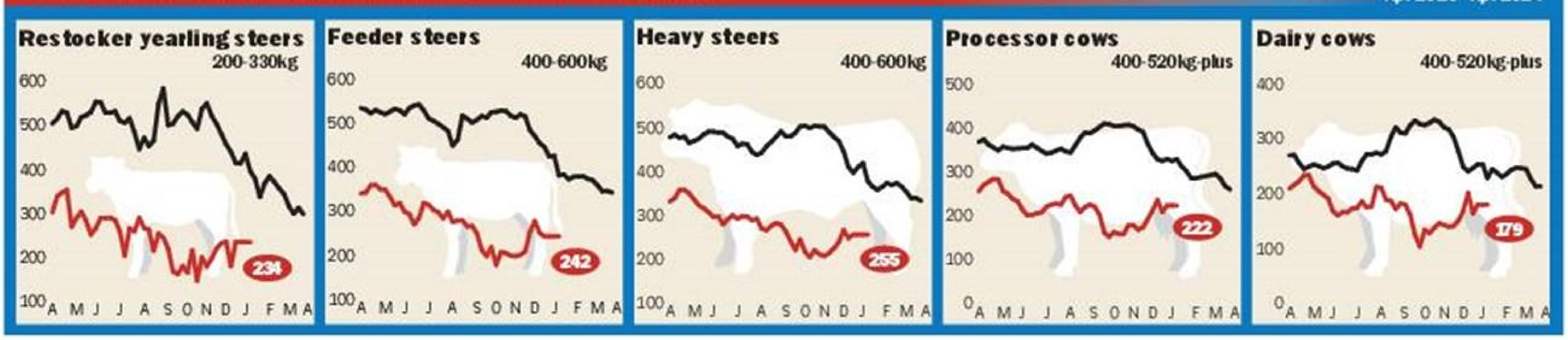
"This sale is dearer but the cattle are very, very good and this rain has put more confidence into the job, but we are still trying to get back some of the losses of last year. There is certainly more of a chance of a good outcome when you are paying $1200 for steers rather than $2000. The weather bureau cost us a lot of money when it said we were going to have this long, hot summer."

TOP LOTS

ANGUS WEANERS

Coffey Partnership: 25 Angus, EU accredited, weaned, 426kg, $1518 (356c/kg); 5, 382kg at $1337 (350c/kg).
Roo Park: 23 Angus, EU, weaned, 426kg, $1448 (340c/kg).
Cadell: 25 Angus, EU, weaned, 416kg, $1447 (348c/kg).
IS&HJ Brown: 27 Angus, EU, weaned, 412.6kg, $1386 (336c/kg); 40, 367kg at $1240 (338c/kg); 40, 367kg, at $1240 (338c/kg).
Mount View: 20 Angus, EU, weaned, 393kg, $1383 (352c/kg).
Camp Creek: 20 Angus, EU, weaned, 408kg, $1371 (336c/kg); 71, 365kg at $1277 (350c/kg).
Winninburn: 26 Angus, EU, weaned, 408kg, $1371 (336c/kg).
Raheen: 19 Angus, EU, weaned, 398kg, $1337 (336c/kg).
Carinya: 17 Angus, EU, weaned, 406kg, $1331 (328c/kg).
Kelvin Park: 36 Angus, EU, weaned, 400kg, $1328 (332c/kg); 72, 350kg at $1176 (336c/kg).
Athlone: 22 Angus, EU, weaned, 397kg, $1318 (332c/kg).
Lagoon: 25 Angus, weaned, 402kg, $1302 (324c/kg).
Calga: 17 Angus, EU, weaned, 384kg, $1298 (338c/kg).
Stonehaven: 11 Angus, weaned, 407kg, $1282 (315c/kg).
Spring Creek: 21 Angus, EU, weaned, 388kg, $1280 (330c/kg).
Garrangreena: 15 Angus, weaned, 395kg, $1279 (324c/kg).
Mt Napier: 28 Angus, weaned, 379kg, $1273 (336c/kg); 84, 351kg at $1214 (346c/kg).
Cumberland: 24 Angus, weaned, 394kg, $1261 (320c/kg).
Ethandune: 15 Angus, EU, weaned, 373kg, $1246 (334c/kg).
Nareeb Nareeb: 15 Angus, weaned, 392kg, $1239 (316c/kg).
REU: 21 Angus, weaned, 389kg, $1225 (315c/kg).
Brolga Rise: 18 Angus, weaned, 381kg, $1219 (320c/kg).
Fairview: 20 Angus, 366kg, weaned, $1156 (316c/kg).

BEEF Indicators (c/kg live weight) Week ending January 8



Producers off to a solid start to year

PRIME CATTLE

Cattle prices have lifted to start the New Year on a positive note thanks to widespread rain that has disrupted supply and forced meatworks to compete more strongly for numbers.

Price gains of 20c/kg to 40c/kg were common on Monday this week as all selling centres struggled to yard decent numbers amid record rainfall across swatches of Victoria, NSW and South Australia.

Only 500 cattle were offered at Pakenham on Monday despite the Christmas and New Year break in selling, and 2100 cattle at Wagga Wagga in the NSW Riverina.

There was little quality on offer for domestic processors and the best price for vealers in the south was recorded at 319c/kg liveweight by the National Livestock Reporting Service.

The main improvements recorded at auctions were for slaughter cows and manufacturing grade cattle as they generally pushed above 200c/kg again.

Heavy cows sold from 210c/kg to a top of 254c/kg at Wagga Wagga.

Data from the NLRS had the national cow price indicator trending at 203c/kg liveweight on Monday, an improvement of 15c/kg on just before Christmas when the market dropped back again.

At Pakenham on Monday cows lifted 20-45c/kg, with most selling at 220-252c/kg.

At Mortlake, the prices were similar, with cows gaining 25-40c/kg, heavy beef cows making 210-245c/kg and medium weights between 165c/kg and 205c/kg.

Friesian steers have also improved and heavier types showing some fat cover were generally in a range of 200c/kg to 240c/kg at markets on Monday.

Young cattle prices improved after the Christmas selling break, with the Eastern Young Cattle Indicator opening on Monday at 541.73c/kg carcass weight, up from 456c/kg in late December.

At Wagga Wagga feeder steers and heifers increased 10-20c/kg.

According to the NLRS feeder heifers weighing 400-500kg made 256-288c/kg and medium weight steers sold from 237c/kg to 331c/kg.

NLRS reporter Leann Dax said feedlots were actively seeking both steers and heifers at Wagga Wagga, with some stock destined for feedlots across Queensland.

The feeder steer indicator closed on Monday at 273.58c/kg liveweight, up 22c/kg on last month, while the restocker yearling heifer indicator was at 192c/kg, up 71c/kg.

— JENNY KELLY

Selling centres struggled to fill pens at sales this week after heavy rainfall, with rates up for cows, steers and heifers.

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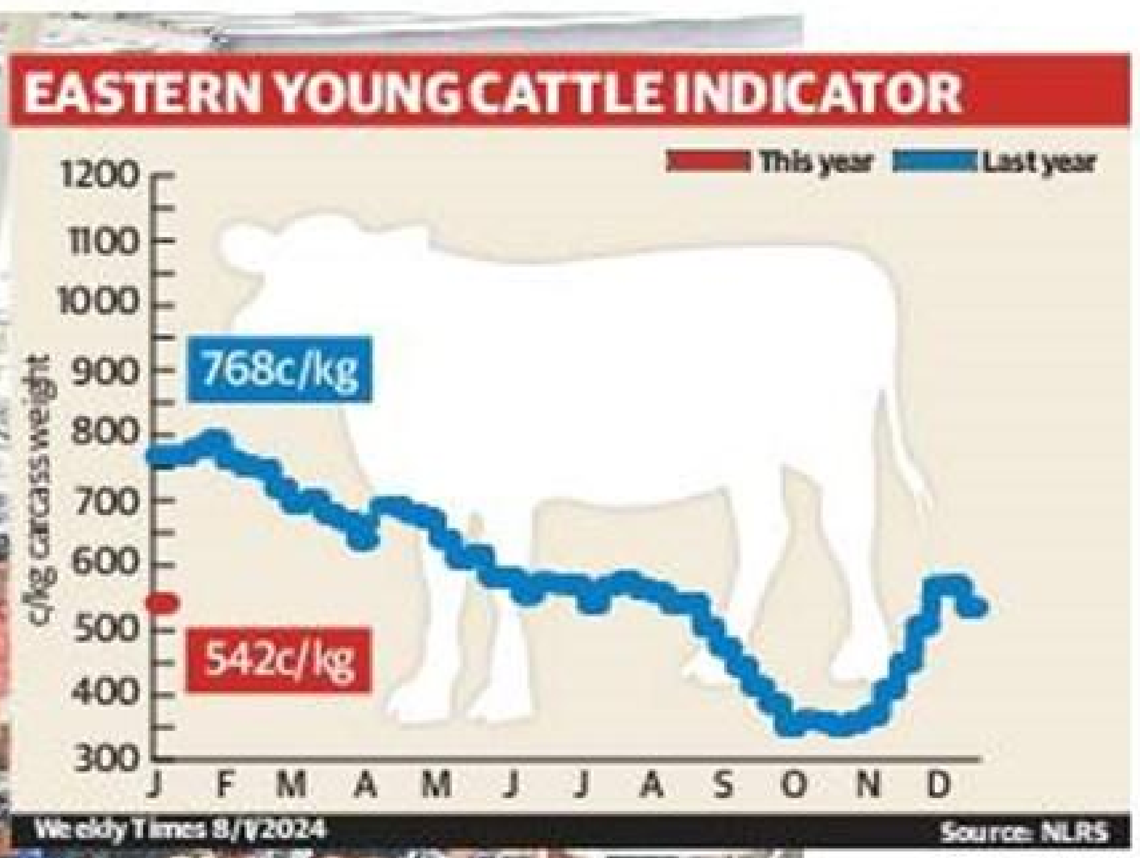


EASTERN YOUNG CATTLE INDICATOR

Weekly Times 8/1/2024 Source: NLRS

Heavy lambs make rapid push past $200

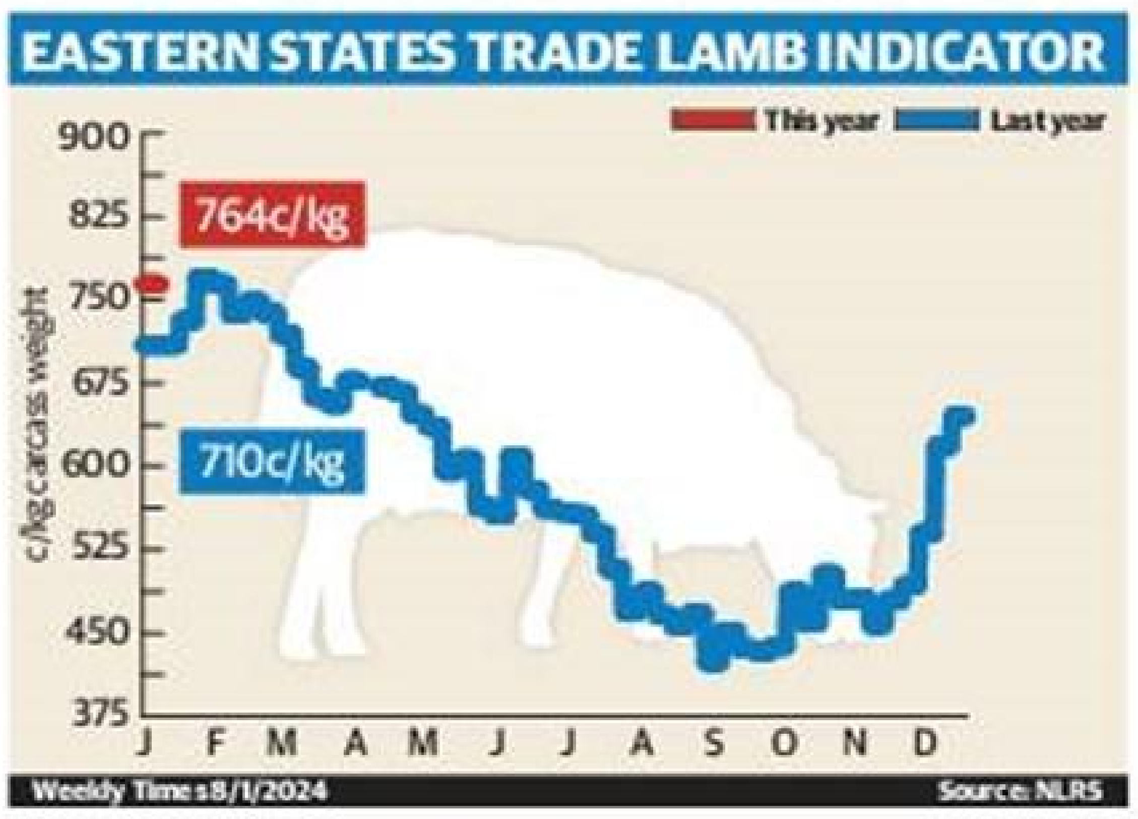
Rapid price gains have been recorded for lamb as the wet weather and fewer numbers going on to feed early due to the uncertainty of the market in spring has created tight slaughter supplies for processors this January.

In a stunning turnaround, the heavy lamb indicator has gone from 540c/kg carcass weight in early December to now be sitting up at 780c/kg.

PRIME SHEEP

And there's reports of sales above 800c/kg at key selling centres like Wagga Wagga, Bendigo, Griffith and Corowa in recent days. In dollar-a-head terms this pushed a lot of lambs back over $200 again.

At a rate of 780c/kg it only requires a 25kg lamb to get into the $200 range.



EASTERN STATES TRADE LAMB INDICATOR

Weekly Times 8/1/2024 Source: NLRS

At Bendigo on Monday export lambs reached $254

Trade lambs have also enjoyed a fast price rise, although they haven't quite reached the levels of the heavier types due to more availability of lambs sized between 20-24kg carcass weight.

The National Livestock Reporting Service had the national trade lamb indicator tracking at 760c/kg carcass weight on Monday.

Record rainfall across Victoria and parts of NSW has disrupted the market and shifted the pressure, which was on producers, back to the processors as it changed supply dynamics. Numbers were cut at Bendigo this week, with the agents draw of nearly 27,000 head falling back to 18,000 as roads were cut as heavy rainfall lashed central Victoria.

There were reports some buyers couldn't actually get through to the Bendigo saleyards due to roads being flooded and closed.

Rain and tight supply boosted prices at the Corowa lamb sale.

Buyers said the unusually wet conditions were dictating market trends at present, and some suggested to The Weekly Times that prices would "settle" once the worst of the weather had passed.

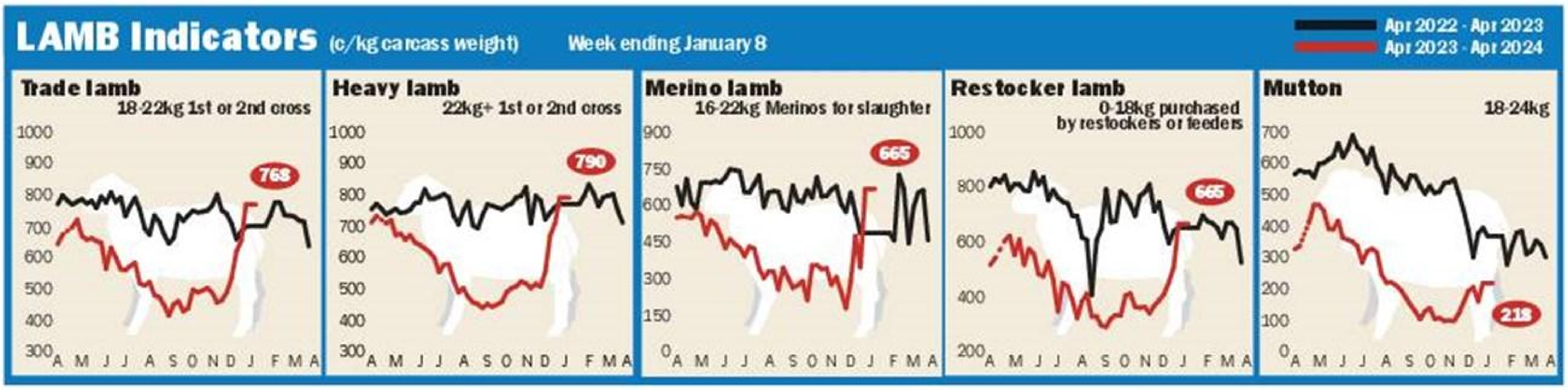
Light lamb and store lamb prices have also surged and are now consistently selling in the 600c/kg to 750c/kg carcass weight price range with very few lots now below $110.

The mutton market has also lifted but gains have been more modest and based on limited quotes with a lot of centres not yarding many sheep this past week.

The mutton indicator was trending at 244c/kg on Monday, for a gain of less than 20c/kg in the past four weeks, according to figures from Meat and Livestock Australia.

Most of the sheep sold at Bendigo on Monday were still capped below $100, selling between $40 and $90.

— JENNY KELLY



LAMB Indicators (c/kg carcass weight) Week ending January 8

eID roll out must be 'harmonised' for success

NICOLA BELL

Wool growers in some states are facing the prospect of having to double tag older sheep if the mandatory roll-out of electronic identification in sheep isn't harmonised.

WoolProducers Australia is calling for harmonisation from all jurisdictions involved in the roll-out.

WPA chief executive Jo Hall said in a recent newsletter WPA's support for mandatory eIDs was contingent on the establishment of a multi-species database, national harmonisation and equitable cost sharing arrangements between industry and government for the establishment and maintenance.

"It is therefore, beyond frustrating that 17-months after the announcement of this roll-out that we do not seem to be on track to meet these three contingencies. While some states have announced financial incentives for tags, many have not," Ms Hall said.

"It is unbelievable that wool growers may be in a position of having to double tag older sheep to send to slaughter with an eID when they are already tagged with a visual tag. This is the prospect that currently faces all sheep producers as soon as 2027."

WPA president Steve Harrison told The Weekly Times they were trying to get harmonisation from all jurisdictions and believed it was an opportunity missed.

Mr Harrison said nothing had happened to move the eID process forward in some states.

"WPA suggests a phase-in over five years and tags must be under $1."

Mr Harrison said they continued to advocate this position at the national level but it was not supported by any other representative in industry or government.

"To double tag sheep will adversely affect sheep and wool growers if this program is managed poorly," he said.

"We are doing our best to prevent an exotic disease outbreak, what's the price of our commodity if that happens."

NSW Farmers has been strong on its advocacy that mandatory eID tags for sheep should cost no more than $1 per tag — however they were still not under that price.

NSW Farmers president Xavier Martin said their policy is that the cost of sheep eID tags in NSW should be no more than $1 per tag at retail during the transition period.

"With mandatory eID commencing from 1 January 2025, the NSW Government must act quickly and reduce tag costs like the SA Government, so that producers can comply with government-mandated eID," Mr Martin said.

He said NSW Farmers provided conditional support to the sheep traceability reforms and support for traceability reform was dependent on a number of principles, including it have jurisdictional harmonisation and reduce tag costs to an economically affordable level.

Victoria is currently the only state that has rolled out mandatory eID for sheep and goats, a process that started in 2017.

The National Biosecurity Committee established the Sheep and Goat Traceability Task Force to work towards a mandatory national traceability system using eID for sheep and goats by January 1, 2025.

Big push for weaning

FIONA MYERS

A leading agent has called for weaning to be mandatory for calf sales, as a $100 premium emerged at northern Victorian sales last week.

Elders Albury and Holbrook manager Matt Tinkler said, from his point of view, it should be standard practice "and potentially mandatory" to wean calves before they are sold in the big sales each summer.

"I understand that the weaning process does make cattle lose weight, and they could possibly drop 15kg or more (liveweight) through the process," Mr Tinker said.

"There are producers who don't want to see that weight loss and risk health issues like pink eye, so they don't do it.

"But what those producers need to realise is that buyers make (price) adjustments anyway for unweaned cattle (knowing they will lose weight)."

Fellow agent Luke Deimel from Paull and Scollard Nutrien announced at the start of a weaner run that "all but a couple of pens in this laneway are properly weaned" in an attempt to attract extra bidding for weaned cattle.

"If cattle are not weaned, it does rule out competition," Mr Deimel said.

"I've got clients that won't buy cattle unless they are weaned, and some buyers view it as more important than others do."

Mr Deimel said the biggest difference between weaned and unweaned prices showed up in the heaviest lines of calves.

"You are buying a bit extra weight and they are coming straight off mum so you are paying for weight that you are going to lose pretty quicky as soon as they are weaned."

Mr Deimel said buyers keen to secure weaned calves knew as soon as they get them home, "they are not going through that seven to 10 days of sulking because they have already done that and are ready to go out to the paddock and start performing quicker."

But he said it was a Catch-22 situation — weaning can earn premiums but can also lead to high levels of pink eye and lost weight.

Despite this, Mr Deimel said there were more of his clients who were weaning calves now before the sales.

"Their aim is to supply an article that the buyers are looking for, and so most clients are thinking they want to adopt weaning into their program."

Sleigh Pastoral Company from Jerilderie, NSW, offered weaned calves for the first time at Wodonga last week and Tom Sleigh said it was "a bit of test" to see if the premium was there.

"We had no problem with pink eye as we gave a vaccination, and we just wanted to make sure we had the most competition we could," Mr Sleigh said.

The Sleigh Pastoral Company Hereford steers, which weighed 237kg-360kg and came from both the Jerilderie property and one at Ruffy, made $705-$1100 and all but one pen made more than 300c/kg liveweight and topped at 312c/kg.

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Tom Sleigh from Sleigh Pastoral at Jerilderie, NSW, with the top pen from his family's draft of Poll Hereford steers at Wodonga, a pen weighing 360kg that sold for $1100 or 306c/kg. It was awarded the best pen of whiteface cattle at day four of the weaner sales by judge David Gillett from Grafton, NSW, a commission buyer.

New lamb campaign bridges the generation gap

FIONA MYERS

Producers will be hoping the latest advertisements designed to boost consumption will be a hit as the annual Australia Day lamb campaign starts this week.

This year, the advertisement and campaign has focused on the generation gap in Australia and how lamb can bring those generations together.

Meat and Livestock Australia domestic market manager Graeme Yardy said the advertisement played on the different features of each generation "until a lamb barbecue unites a divided Australia".

"Stereotypes would have us believe that the generations are practically different species," Mr Yardy said.

"Apparently, baby boomers are unable to master the basics of technology while gen Zs spend every waking moment making TikTok dances and the millennials spend too much on avocado toast and craft beer.

"However, there is much more that unites than separates us, and that's what this year's summer lamb campaign is all about."

And while the fall in lamb prices has been hard for producers, it has flowed through to lower retail rates, which has boosted consumption.

Mr Yardy said Australian shoppers had been increasingly putting lamb in their trolley as retail prices for beef and lamb fall.

"Data from NielsenIQ HomeScan to December 3 last year shows a 17.5 per cent reduction in the price consumers are paying for lamb compared to a year ago, which is supporting a 22.9 per cent increase in volume of lamb purchased at the cash register," he said.

Meanwhile, the latest lamb ad, which features a cameo from Lambassdor Sam Kekovich, premiered in Sunday night's evening news and will be seen from Monday on free-to-air and subscription television programming across Australia.

Fiona Myers

RINGSIDE

Apply to win beef booster

The Angus Australia Foundation will be awarding two scholarships to Angus Australia members, with the opportunity to attend Beef Australia 2024 in Rockhampton, Queensland.

Members aged 18-30 with a commitment to the Australian beef industry and the Angus breed are encouraged to apply. The aim of this scholarship is to increase the recipient's knowledge of the beef industry, expose the recipient to different agricultural production systems, develop the recipient's personal skills and strengthen relationships between the World's beef industries. For more details and to apply, visit angusaustralia.com.au

■ A webinar titled the 'So What' of carbon in agriculture will be held on February 14 from 7-8pm. The webinar will be hosted by Cam Nicholson, director of Nicon Rural Services, a consulting business near Geelong working with the grazing and cropping industries. Mr Nicholson has worked in pasture agronomy and soils for 35 years. He provides consultancy advice to farmers and lectures on animal and pasture systems at Marcus Oldham College. His most recent work has focused on understanding and discussing risk in farming businesses, carbon accounting and decision making. The webinar covers: understanding carbon within agriculture and grazing businesses, the importance of focusing on improving emissions intensity within the short term and the importance of due diligence when considering carbon farming schemes. For more details, visit mla.com.au

■ The dates for the Herefords Australian National Show and Sale have been announced. It will be held on May 15 and 16 in Wodonga. The Herefords Australia breed forum will be held prior to the event on May 14 at 10am, also in Wodonga. Entries are now open. For more details, visit herefordsaustralia.com.au

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Calf buyers show restraint

Jenny Kelly

KELLY COUNTRY

Over the years there have been exciting New Year weaner sales where prices have ballooned on confidence and defied logic and there have been depressed sales where the very viability of breeding calves has been questioned.

This January the sales have a different feel again and don't neatly fit into any mould.

The mood has been fairly subdued and bidding doesn't have a lot of energy, yet in a sense the prices of 300c/kg-plus for most steers are arguably a celebratory win for producers, who just weeks ago looked like they were facing a much cheaper outcome.

Buyers are not saying much. There is little talk about the possible future performance of the beef market and hoped-for profit margins in these calves.

From a journalist's perspective this sale series has been a C to write about – controlled, consistent and compressed.

Controlled from the point buyers have set a game plan and for the most part stuck rigidly to it, which has led to consistent bidding in a tight range which has resulted in compressed price averages.

To illustrate this point, the following are the averages from four days of selling at Wodonga last week:

TUESDAY feature Angus sale: 3438 steers averaged $1109 at 307c/kg liveweight.

WEDNESDAY feature grown Angus and weaner sale: 2058 steers averaged $1070 or 304c/kg.

THURSDAY feature Hereford and European-cross sale: 1857 steers averaged $1055 or 296c/kg.

FRIDAY feature Hereford and European-cross sale: 1569 steers averaged $1056 or 283c/kg.

So there was just a $54 difference in the average result across four days of selling covering nearly 9000 steers as prices basically tracked within a 10 per cent range either side of a base rate of 300c/kg. Heifers have sold in a similar tight price pattern, with the same 10 per cent range either side of 250c/kg accounting for the bulk of sales in the North East last week.

Angus calves have been dearer than Herefords and European-cross breeds at the famed summer weaner sales so far. Picture: Yuri Kouzmin

COMING SALES

CATTLE

CASTERTON: Wednesday, 8.30am, 1500 Hereford steer weaners, Nutrien, Elders.

EUROA: Wednesday, 9am, 2200 cattle, Nutrien, Rodwells, Elders.

HAMILTON: Wednesday, 12pm, 2400 Hereford, Hereford-cross and Euro weaners, associated agents.

WODONGA: Thursday, 9am, 2200 females, associated agents.

PAKENHAM: Thursday, 9am, 4000 cattle, associated agents.

NARACOORTE, SA: Thursday, 10am, 1100 females, associated agents.

MORTLAKE: Thursday, 10am, 2000 females, associated agents.

HAMILTON: Thursday, 12pm, 1800 weaner heifers, associated agents.

CASTERTON: Friday, 8.30am, 2500 weaner heifers, Nutrien, Elders.

LEONGATHA: Friday, 10am, 2000 cattle, associated agents.

HAMILTON: Friday, 12pm, 2300 weaner heifers, associated agents.

To address the breed difference. Yes, the Angus calves have averaged better than the Herefords and coloured calves (Euro sired Charolais and Limousin).

There were comments last week that the discounting for Herefords was as "severe" as agents had seen in many years.

In some cases it was a true statement, and there are a couple of elements to it.

Firstly, the quality of the Herefords and coloured calves tends to be more varied than the Angus and there were obvious reasons for some of the discounting of last week.

Secondly, the market does seem to have a strong psychological element to it that is working in favour of Angus, which are the most popular breed and, arguably, the easiest to market.

As one buyer stated simply last week when asked why they weren't buying Herefords even at the lower price rates: "When the market went to s%!* last year anything black was a lot easier to sell".

The mental hangover from the sudden and severe meltdown in cattle prices through the latter part of 2023 has buyers keen to protect themselves through strategies such as breed and aligning prices closely to current returns for feeder and slaughter stock. Refer back to controlled, consistent and compressed.

And even then, emotions, are still raw. A buyer of some of the best weaner steers at Yea last week was apologetic about not wanting any media coverage.

"Sorry, but I haven't made any money and don't want to say anything or be in any pictures," he told The Weekly Times. In an "off the-record" chat he was blunt about the outcomes of the past year, including dismissing the theory that if you had paid $2400 for steers and then sold them for $1800, but bought replacements at $1200 it was still OK.

"That's just junk. If you do a proper profit and loss you just haven't made any money," he said.

As mentioned, buyers generally aren't saying much or crystal-ball gazing about profits down the track, although the general consensus is that they are in a much safer position than the past two years.

Elders national livestock manager Peter Homann said weaner prices seemed to have found some mid-ground, which was giving both vendors and buyers a reasonable outcome this January.

"On the current prime market these weaner prices are as good as you could expect, but I think the cattle job will keep firming and I think there will be a margin in it for these calf buyers," he said.

The interesting trend to emerge this week as the selling focus shifted to Hamilton and Casterton was notable premiums for heavy EU-accredited steers, which consistently sold above 330c/kg on decent weights of over 400kg at times.

This dearer results helped carry the Hamilton sale to the best average so far this New Year at $1141 a head or 331c/kg.

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That's well done, lamb

FIONA MYERS

Michael Coffey, of Coffey Partnership at Port Fairy, received the top price of $1518 (356c/kg liveweight) for his European Union-accredited Angus steers at Hamilton's first weaner sale for the year on Monday.
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Picture: Jenny Kelly

New year lamb prices have delivered welcome good news for sheep producers as rates hit up to 900c/kg carcass weight early this week.

All national indicators have gained 129-239c/kg carcass weight since sales resumed for the year, with the biggest rise for light lambs with that indicator closing at 729c/kg carcass weight early this week.

Prices jumped dramatically at Corowa, NSW, on Monday where 15,000 lambs sold above 800c/kg carcass weight at times and even up to 900c/kg for isolated sales.

Nutrien Corowa agent Richard Wynne said this week's sale at the centre was a one-off as a number of factors created a big price rise.

"We had a couple of extra buyers because they couldn't get to other sales because of the rain, we had plenty of lambs in and processors I think were worried numbers would be down at the Ballarat sale this week," Mr Wynne said.

"It meant that results touched on 900c/kg at times and while those kinds of rates are not going to last, I would think we will be at 750c/kg (carcass weight price) and maybe up closer to 800c/kg at times from now on."

Mr Wynne said one client sold 1200 store lambs and averaged $120 and made up to $150. In November, he said the same lambs would have made $70-$80.

Bendigo's market was up to $35 dearer on Monday, as rain only added to the price spike as fewer numbers could be trucked to the sale. Heavy lambs sold to $254 and export grades returned 770-828c/kg, while it was similar for trade lambs which came back at 780-810c/kg.

Price rises were also evident at Wagga Wagga last week, with Nutrien agent Jarrod Slattery quoting big lifts in the lamb market at the major centre's first offering.

"Wagga had 26,000 lambs and the market was $30 dearer to what was seen prior to Christmas in our first sale for 2024, and could have even been higher than that at times," Mr Slattery said.

Mecardo markets insights lead Olivia Agar said while it was early in the new year selling season and only a few sales had been held, the "change in appetite from processors at the end of last year is a promising sign that we've seen the worst of the lamb market".

"Since the middle of December, lamb prices and demand increased by $1/kg from processors, and now the opening sales of January have seen another $1/kg increase," Ms Agar said.

"We knew lamb supply was going to be tighter. Supply isn't there and demand is back, which is positive for price."

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